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PREFACE

This volume, the eighth issued under the direction of the Committee on Library, contains the Minutes of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M. 1849–1854.

The two important events of that period were the reinterment of the remains of Brother Stephen Girard and the laying of the corner-stone of the new Hall on Chestnut street.

To afford the student and reader as much information as possible the Committee have added two appendices. One containing an account of the reinterment of Brother Stephen Girard, with the oration delivered on that occasion by R. W. Past Grand Master Joseph Ripley Chandler, and the other the account of the laying of the corner-stone of the new Hall on Chestnut street, with the oration delivered by R. W. Past Grand Master John Kearsley Mitchell, who was at that time the R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Four steel portraits of the Grand Masters of those years are inserted.

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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 1849, A. L. 5849.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. G. Master.
" William Whitney, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" James E. Richardson, Dep. G. Secy.
" William W. Thomson, S. G. Deacon, P. T.
" George Griscom, J. G. Deacon.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, Grand Pursuivant.
" Orson Douglass, } Grand Chaplains.
" Henry D. Moore, }
" William Barger, } P. G. Masters.
" James Page, }

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Jas. Richardson, Buckley, Gumple, Guillou.
" 3, " Skerritt, Thomson, King, Robinson, Bilger, Desilver, Florence, Carter.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, Clark.
" 19, " Bradley, Reynolds, Griscom, Hodges, Childs.
" 25, " Benezett, Scott, Keim.
" 45, " Rodgers.
" 51, " Thomson, Whitney, Ashmead, Baggs, Bouvier.
" 52, " Thomas, Smith, Pearson.
" 59, " Adams.

No. 67, Bros. Jas. Hutchinson, Ward, Smith, Simpson, Miller, Laudenslager, Weeks, Vanosten, Reese, Miskey.
" 71, " Schloss, Elfelt, Meyers, Golden.
" 72, " H. M. Phillips, Chase, Peacock, Thompson, J. A. Phillips, Barger.
" 91, " Leidy, Manning, Casey, Headly, Hennis.
" 114, " Thomson, Kelly, Sharp.
" 115, " Tisdal, Mann, Hibbs, Heimberger, Diamond, Newcomb.
" 121, " Davis, Moore, Vaux, Patterson, Leviestien, Foering.
" 125, " Bournonville, Maag, Steiner, Remak.
" 126, " Page, Simpson, Hesser.
" 130, " Shultz, Easby.
" 134, " Butler, Stocker, Williamson, McCulloch.
" 155, " Fritz, Martin.
" 158, " Jones, Shields, Oliver.
" 186, " Barrington, Lewis, White.
" 187, " Rittenhouse, Purvis, Loeser.
" 211, " Cartwright, Page.
" 221, " Wilson.
" 222, " Gumpert.
" 227, " Strawbridge.
" 230, " Taylor.

Proxies, Bros. Fritz, Bournonville, Whitney, Thomson, Adams, Steiner, Page, Barger, Phillips, Vaux, McCulloch, Simpson.

Forty three Lodges represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past Six o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Grand Communication Dec. 4th, 1848, were read and approved.

The Minutes of Annual Grand Communication Dec. 27th, 1848, were read and approved.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 197, at Carlisle, Penna., appointing Bro. C. C. Williams Proxy of said Lodge. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. C. C. Williams acknowledged as the proxy of Lodge No. 197.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 234, at Mead-

ville, Crawford County, appointing Bro. Jacob Steiner their proxy. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. J. Steiner acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

Bro. James Hutchinson was duly Installed R. W. J. Grand Warden in ancient and solemn form and having been duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received from Bro. Samuel McKinley a communication enclosing Five Dollars for dues owing by Bro. Neal McAlvain to the late Lodge No. 165, also five dollars dues owing by David Sloan to the late Lodge No. 113 both formerly held at Pittsburg and asking that the same might be received in full for their dues and they be reinstated. On motion duly made and seconded, the amount was accepted and the request granted.

A communication was received from Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, asking the reinstating of Bros. —— and —— also an amendment to their By-laws. Which was referred to the Grand Officers.

An amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 115 was presented for approval and agreed to.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 224 and 236 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 143. Which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was also received from same Lodge asking permission to take a third ballot in case of an applicant who was rejected. Which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

A special return was received and read from Charity Lodge, No. 144. Which was ordered to be filed.

General returns were received from the following Lodges which were ordered to be entered and filed, "to wit":

Nos. 2, Philadelphia; 21, at Harrisburg; 22, at Sunbury; 60, Brownsville; 61, Wilkesbarre; 62, Reading; 72, Philad.; 75, Phœnixville; 81, Germantown; 91, Philad.; 108, Towanda; 115 and 130, Philad.; 135, Manayunk; 143, Chambersburg; Lewisburg; 148, Northumberland; 152, Easton; 153, Waynesburg; 155 and 158, Philada.; 163, Monroeton, Bradford County; 164, Washington; 194, Selinsgrove; 197, Carlisle; 199, Lock Haven; 203, Lewistown; 218, Honesdale; 219, Pittsburg;

224, Danville; 225, Greensburg; 227, Reading; 228, Uniontown; 232, Jersey Shore; 233, Pittston Ferry; 234, Meadville.

Printed communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Grand Lodge of Vermont, Montreal, North and South Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia, Iowa, Tennessee, Indiana.

The following report was received and accepted and the Committee discharged, viz.:

To the R. W. G. M., D. G. M., officers and members of the R. W. G. L. of Penna.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of —— —— from the decision of Lodge No. 158 on certain charges there preferred against him respectfully Report.

That having heard the evidence submitted to them and also the appellant and the representatives of the Lodge, they find that the charge against —— —— was not substantiated but that the decision of the Lodge virtually acquitted —— —— from any imputation of unmasonic conduct, that the Lodge has not decided against him and therefore he had no ground for appeal.

They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

by J. A. Phillips,
Alex. Diamond,
Geo. K. Childs,
Committee.

Phil., Jan. 1st, 1849.

A communication was received from Jos. P. Gazzam, Robert Reddick, G. Crosby, Thos. McCulloch, N. Patterson, Geo. W. Bradley, John Fowler, Peter Shouse asking the revival of Lodge No. 165, at Pittsburg, Pa. Which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

An application was received and read from a number of Brethren in Freeport, Armstrong County, Pa., for a new Warrant. Which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read and approved, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, That they have received since June 1st, 1848, the date of their former report, from—

Interest and dividends on investments the sum of...	$2,084 82
That the balance in the F. and M. Bank on June 1st to the credit of the Trustees was, as per last report.	562 91
That the Grand Lodge has paid off the principal of her certificate of debt due the Girard Bequest, say.	900 00
Making a total of.....	$3,547 73
Of this sum there has been drawn on orders of the R. W. G. M. for the use of the committees the sum of	1,475 00
Leaving the sum in bank to the credit of the Trustees	$2,072 73

The Trustees have not been able to reinvest the $900 of Masonic debt paid them on the 2d ult., but will be able to do so in the course of the week, and unless they receive instructions to the contrary, they propose to invest it in the loans of the city or county. At their meeting in February they passed a vote ordering an investment in United States 6's, but before the stock could be procured it had run up to a price that it was not thought expedient to give.

The Trustees in conclusion would congratulate the Grand Lodge on the safe and productive character of all the investments, a detailed statement of which is made part of this report. They are of opinion that the sum of eighteen hundred dollars may be appropriated to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1st, 1850.

The funds of the Trust are invested as follows:

184 shares 6 per cent. Masonic loan.
60 do. 5 per cent. Masonic do.
3000 U. S. 6 per cent.

776.32 State 5s.
19.41 do. 6s.
102 shares F. and M. Bank stock.
3 do. Kensington do.
2072.73 cash in the F. and M. Bank.

The receipts of the Trust since June 1st, 1848, have been as follows and from the following sources, to wit:

1848, Jany. 3,	3 mos. int. on $3000 U. S. 6 loan of 1847 certificate No. 487	$45 00
" 7,	Dividend Masonic loans.....	702 00
" "	Int. on balance of Masonic certificate of debt $900 3 mos.....	13 50
Decr. 9,	6 mos. int. on 776.32 State 5s....	18 44
1849, Jany. 6,	Dividend Masonic loans	702 00
" "	Int. on certif. Masonic debt.....	27 00
Feby. 2,	Bal. of do. paid off and interest....	904 50
16,	6 mos. int. on $3000 6s.....	90 00
Mar. 1,	do. do. on 776.32 State 5s, 1848	18 44
do.	do. do. on 776.32 do.	18 44
1849, Mar. 1,	Dividend on 3 shares Kensington Bk. Stock 1846	7 50
	1847	15 00
	1848	15 00
2,	45 and 46 dividend on 102 shares F. and M. Bank stock.....	408 00
	Making a total of receipts from all sources including the amt. of Masonic debt paid off	2,984 82
	To which add the amount on F. and M. Bank on June 1st, '48, to the credit of the Trust, say.....	562 91
	Makes a total of....	$3,547 73

Of this sum there has been paid to the Grand Treasurer for the Committee as follows, to wit:

1848, Jany. 17,	On order of R. W. G. M.					
	for use of Com'e, No. 3..				$325 00	
" Oct. 21,	do.	do.	do.	No. 4..	525 00	
1849, Jany. 8,	do.	do.	do.	No. 1..	625 00	
						$1,475 00
				Bal. F. and M. Bank.....		$2,072 73

To credit of the Bequest this 3rd day of March, 1849, say two thousand and seventy two 73/100 of which sum $325 belongs to the appropriation of last year not yet drawn for and 900 is the balance of Masonic Debt which was paid off and must be reinvested as part of the 30,000 forming the principal of the Bequest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. BAYSE NEWCOMB, SAMUEL BADGER, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, WILLIAM BARGER, ALEX. DIAMOND, } *Trustees.*

MAR. 3d, 1849, A. L. 5849.

On motion duly made and seconded, eighteen hundred dollars were appropriated for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

On motion of P. G. Master Bro. Page the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the Farmers and Mechanics Bank stock and the Kensington Bank stock belonging to the Girard Trust be sold by the Trustees as soon as may be.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was *Resolved,*

That the proceeds arising from the sales above directed be invested in Masonic loan or debt created 4th of December, 1848, so far as the same may be procured.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees of the Girard Bequest were directed to invest the nine hundred dollars spoken of in their report in Masonic loans approved Decr. 4th, 1848.

Brother Wm. W. Wilson, a P. M. of Lodge No. 221, at Pittsburg, asked the opinion of the R. W. G. Master in relation

to an unfavourable report after the R. W. G. Master gave his opinion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the opinion of the G. Master just given, That when an unfavourable report is made by the Committee and that report is accepted it is equivalent to a black ball and no ballot is necessary, is sound and correct and is adopted as the opinion of this Grand Lodge.

The following was offered by Bro. Grand Treasurer and adopted, viz.:

Whereas, there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of eighty dollars contributed some years since by certain members of the Grand Lodge for the purchase of a likeness of Bro. La Fayette and as said sum is insufficient to accomplish the object intended therefore *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to add from the funds of the Grand Lodge $20 to the $80 contributed and with the same purchase one share Masonic loan for the purpose of furthering the object intended.

An application for a new warrant was received from a number of Brethren in Washington, Washington Co., Pa., which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following report was received, read and approved, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the alterations and amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 115 and recommend their adoption.

They have also examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 227 and recommend the following corrections and amendments after which their adoption.

Strike out of Article 1st *and a half* after the word Six (in lieu of said article.)

Add to Article 9th as Section 3d, Every person initiated into this Lodge shall pay the sum of —— and a M. M. ——. Strike out of Rules of order No. 4 all after the words the Master shall be a judge of order.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by Committee.

Phil., Mar. 5th, 1849.

The R. W. G. Master stated that since the last quarterly communication a new warrant had been issued for Chester, Penna., and that the R. W. Deputy G. Master accompanied by the Grand Officers and a number of the Brethren had organized the Lodge, installed the officers and set the craft at work in a constitutional manner and agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge. Feby. 23rd, 1849.

That the difficulty with the owners of the adjoining property was still under careful consideration.

The loan directed by the Grand Lodge Decr. 4th, 1848, was progressing and that 23 shares had been already issued.

Mr. Peale having failed to make good his promise of purchase, on the 1st of January, offers for the same were solicited. Several were received and the one from Bro. Jno. Robinson was accepted and the papers are nearly completed. He is to give $4,500 for the Museum collection, $2,000 in cash the bal. $2,500 secured by bond and mortgage and payment in five equal payments every six months with interest added.

A new warrant was granted to the Brethren at Erie and is no doubt by this time in successful operation. He further stated that he was not able to give a detailed statement of the difficulties in relation to Mr. Peale and the Chestnut St. Hall as the matters in relation thereto are not yet completed.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received the minute and account book of the late Lodge 201, at Mauch Chunk, and upon examination found that Bro. E. Armstrong had paid his dues in full before the Lodge ceased its operations. Offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that Bro. E. Armstrong be granted a Grand Lodge certificate.

On motion the following visitors were admitted during the evening:

Jas. Thomas No. 2, Geo. S. Sites No. 3, Peter Morrison No. 9, J. H. Osborn 13, Ireland, Isaac Williamson No. 19, Jno. S. Clemens 45, Robt. A. Raphael No. 48, Providence, Jno. E. Monroe No. 59, Jacob H. Squibb No. 67, Jas. Holmes 69, Emanuel Gellestien, Abm. Sussman, L. Schloss, Jos. Shoneman No. 71, Alex. Wilson, No. 72, Jno. F. Hutchinson No. 91, Wm. H. Kechline, Horace L. Peterman, David Webster No. 121, Adolph Osner No. 125, K. O. Woolfolk 127, Ky., Jas. E.

Vandyke No. 130, Jos. Alderman No. 158, T. E. Barrett No. 187, Jas. D. Strawbridge 224, Danville.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 10 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4th, 5849.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. G. Master.
" William Whitney, R. W. D. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. S. G. W.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James E. Richardson, Depy. G. S.
" C. C. Williams, S. G. Deacon.
" George K. Childs, J. G. Deacon.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Richardson, Buckley.
" 3, " Desilver, King, Carter, Florence, English, Herriges, Zorns, Skerrett, Thomson.
" 9, " Clarke, Leach.
" 19, " Hines, Thornley, Reynolds, Childs, Bradley, Wilson, Griscom.
" 51, " Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier, Baggs, Workman.
" 25, " Scott, Benezett.
" 52, " Peirson, Patton.
" 59, " Gwynn, Adams.
" 67, " Weeks, Jas. Hutchinson, Smith, Simpson.

No.	71,	Bros.	Meyers, Elfelt, Hyneman, Reese, Horner.
"	72,	"	Chase, Phillips, Spering, Peacock, H. M. Phillips.
"	91,	"	Casey, Hennis, Hart, Manning.
"	81,	"	Snyder, Fries, Johnson.
"	114,	"	Baxter, Thomson, Bruner, Sharp.
"	115,	"	A. E. Dougherty, Diamond, McCloud, Hiemberger.
"	121,	"	Vaux, Fine, Leviestein, Foering, Davis.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Steiner, Haehlan, Maag, Remak.
"	126,	"	Page, Hesser, Negus, Simpson.
"	130,	"	Burrett, Wm. S. Shultz, Riley, Coryell.
"	134,	"	Butler, McCulloch, Pettitt, Stocker, Williamson.
"	155,	"	Fritz, Martin.
"	158,	"	Shields, Oliver.
"	186,	"	Lewis, Gaskill.
"	187,	"	Purvis.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Hall, Page.
"	230,	"	Cook.

Proxies, Fritz, Whitney, Bournonville, Thomson, Adams (3), Steiner, Barger (2), Phillips, Hyneman (2), Vaux, McCulloch, Simpson, Williams, English (2), Page.

Forty seven lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication March 5th, A. D. 1849 were read and approved.

An application was received and read from a number of Brethren at Montrose, Susquehanna County, asking for a new Warrant. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received from a number of Brethren residing in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Penna., asking a new Charter. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 237 Washington, Penna., was presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges No. 164 and 52 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A return was received shewing the organization of Lodge

No. 235 on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1849. Which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A return was also received from District D. G. Master Bro. C. P. Gummert shewing the Organization of Lodge No. 237, at Washington, Washingtown Co'y, Pa., on the 17th of April, A. D. 1849. Which was also ordered to be filed and entered.

General return from Lodges No. 70 and 220 for the year 1848 were received and ordered to be entered and filed.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 186 shewing that a special election was held on the 14th of March and the following Brethren elected, viz.:

Bro. Geo. F. Lewis, W. M.
" Geo. Hufty, Sr. W.
" Edwd. Gaskill, Jr. W.

Ordered to be filed.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 134 setting forth that Bro. —— ——, who had been suspended for non payment of dues, had been restored to membership April 30th, 1849. Which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 211. Which was ordered to be filed.

The following communication was read when on motion of Bro. Alexander E. Dougherty and seconded, it was *Resolved*,

That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition.

At a stated meeting of La Fayette Lodge, No. 199, held in their room in Lock Haven, Clinton County, and State of Penna., on Saturday evening the 5th of May, A. D. 1849, A. L. 5849.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, this Lodge, in connexion with the Odd Fellows Lodge of this place, has commenced the erection of a hall for the use of said Lodges, which building when completed and furnished will cost about forty five hundred dollars the one third of which amount together with interest thereon must be paid by the Lodge within five years.

And Whereas the means of this Lodge being very limited, it will require great exertions and sacrifices on the part of the members to raise that amount within the time specified, which must be done in order to secure the one third interest in said hall and lot of ground.

Therefore Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Penna. be and it is hereby respectfully requested to remit the dues of this Lodge to said Grand Lodge for the space of five years to include the present dues also (say $62) and permit this Lodge to apply the same towards defraying the expense of erecting said hall.

Resolved, that our worthy proxy Bro. William H. Adams be and he is hereby respectfully requested to lay this preamble and resolutions before the Grand Lodge at the next meeting of the same and endeavour to procure the sanction to the same.

Resolved, That the Secy. is hereby directed to forward a copy of the foregoing to our proxy Bro. William H. Adams, together with such explanation as he may prefer.

Extract from the minutes of said Lodge this 25th May, A. D. 1849.

Signed. PHILIP KREBBS,
Secretary.

[L. S.]

The following report from the Hall Committee was received and filed, viz.: *To Peter Fritz, R. W. Grand Master of the G. L. of Penna.*

The Hall Committee report, that in June last they received a communication with a picture of the Earl of Sussex presented to the R. W. G. Lodge by Bro. Robinson of Lodge No. 52 requesting the Committee to have it hung up in a suitable place in the G. L. room which they have attended to.

They sold to the Bristol Lodge No. 25 some old furniture belonging to the Grand Lodge, Pedestal, Altar, &c.

An application was made by the St. Johns Encampment, No. 4, for the use of the Royal Arch room for the purpose of holding their meetings in which was granted and reported to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee rented to Bro. J. S. Skinner the south back room first floor of the hall in June last, for the purpose of using it for his agricultural publication office and library; he remained only five months.

Nothing further worthy of note having transpired during the year beyond the ordinary duties which the Committee have attended to. The appartments of the hall continue occupied as before and the rents punctually paid. The Committee have

collected for rent $240 and paid it over to the Grand Treasurer. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. C. McKaraher,
Chmn. Hall Com.

Decr. 27th, 1848.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received the Warrant of Lodge No. 213, which was ordered to be placed in the Archives.

A report from the Grand Officers was about being read when the Grand Master decided that in as much as he had not seen the report and was not acquainted with its contents he directed that it should not be read.

R. W. P. Grand Master Page arose and stated that he wished to lay before the Grand Lodge a report from a portion of the Committee in relation to the Chestnut Street Hall, which caused considerable discussion, when Bro. Joseph S. Riley moved the following resolution which was carried, "viz.":

Resolved, that Bro. Page and the other Brethren associated with him as members of a former committee be permitted now to make their report.

The following report was then read, "viz.":

To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Committee of Five appointed by a resolution of the Grand Lodge passed the 17th of April, 1848, to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers to whom was referred the communication from Mr. Edmund Peale with power to take such measures as they in their discretion might think proper to promote the interests of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully report: that at the time of their appointment the goods of Mr. Peale in the Masonic Hall were under execution in the hands of the Sheriff, for debts amounting to more than twelve thousand dollars and also under a distress for rent due to the Grand Lodge made on the 3rd of April, 1848, for arrears of rent up to the first of April, 1848, amounting to $2657.25.

The Committee held a number of meetings on the subject at one of which held on the 11th day of May, 1848, a resolution

was offered by Bro. Vaux to instruct the counsel to proceed and collect the rent without further delay which was lost.

On the 15th day of May, 1848, the Sheriff advertised the goods for sale on the 8th of June, 1848. The paintings were then in the hall, on the 7th of June, 1848, an arrangement was made by which the executions were satisfied and the paintings in the hall delivered to the Trustees of the U. S. Bank, execution creditors.

If the sales had then taken place the Grand Lodge would have received the rent up to the first of April, 1848, and there would have been no goods left on the premises to secure the rent accruing after that time. For the goods would not have sold for enough to pay the rent and the executions. The rent therefore from the first of April, 1848 to the 8th of June, 1848, amounting to $796.50 would have been lost and the rent accruing afterwards until possession could have been obtained by the Grand Lodge which would probably have been half a quarter more amounting to $531.25 together $1327.82.

No further instructions to proceed were given to the counsel until the 22nd of Augt., 1848.

On the 22d of Augt., 1848 the counsel were instructed to take the speediest measures to secure and enforce the payment of the rent, at this time an execution issued at the suit of McNinney against Peale was out, and no lawful distress could be made, the goods being in the custody of the law. On the next morning a watchman was placed there on behalf of the Grand Lodge and on the 25th the Sheriff appointed him to watch the goods.

On the 6th of Septr., 1848 the Sheriff advertised the goods for sale on the 20th of September, at which time there was also an execution at the suit of Smith and Bagley against Peale.

If the goods had been then sold the Grand Lodge would have been entitled to payment of their rent out of the proceeds thereof up to the 6th of July, 1848.

On the 20th of September, 1848, a small portion of the goods were sold, the nett proceeds of which amounting to $55.25 and the Sheriff postponed the sale for two weeks to the 4th of October.

In the meantime on the 3d of October notice was given in behalf of Mrs. Peale's Trustee to the Sheriff and the sale was

again postponed. The matters came before the court and were disposed of by them and the goods were again advertised by the Sheriff to be sold on the 9th day of Nov., 1848, at which time McNinney and Smith's executions were stayed and a distress made the same day by the Grand Lodge for arrears of rent to the 1st of October, 1848, amounting to $4650.25.

On the 15th of Novr. the goods were advertised by the constable to be sold for the rent on the 21st. They were then sold and purchased by Wm. F. Smith for the sum of $4000. He made default in the payment of the money according to the terms of sale.

On the 25th of Novr. the goods were advertised by the constable to be sold by his default on the 1st of December at which time they were sold and purchased by the Grand Lodge for $3200.

On the 4th of Decr., 1848 your Committee were discharged by the Grand Lodge.

They have since heard the G. L. have sold the goods purchased by them at the constable sale for the sum of $4500 which with the proceeds of the portion sold by the Sheriff $55.52, amounts to $4555.52.

The rent distrained for was $4,560 besides the interest and costs.

Signed. BAYSE NEWCOMB. WILLIAM BARGER.
RICHARD VAUX. THOMAS B. FLORENCE.
JAMES PAGE.

PHIL., June 4th, 1849.

Bro. William English presented a communication from Messrs. Robinson and Stein in relation to the rent of the Chestnut St. hall. Which on motion was directed to be read.

Having been read a motion was made and seconded, to refer it to a special committee, but the Grand Master declined to receive it.

Bro. James Page then moved the following, viz.:

Resolved, that the communication just read be referred to the Grand Officers with instructions to take early action on the same and to exercise such forbearance as they can having a due regard to the interest of the Grand Lodge which being sec-

onded, the R. W. Grand Master ordered the Grand Secretary to read the lease of hall in Chestnut St. which being read the resolution was called up and was amended by Bro. Jos. S. Riley adding to it the words

And they be directed to report to the Grand Lodge before final action.

Bro. Jas. Page accepted Bro. Joseph S. Riley's amendment.

The question being put on the resolution as amended it was adopted.

Bro. Robert McCulloch having stated that Lodge No. 134 had granted the sanction of their Warrant to open an Encampment of Knights Templars.

Bro. E. H. Butler offered the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the action of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, regarding the granting the sanction of their Warrant to open an Encampment of Knight Templars be referred to the Committee on Landmarks. Which being duly seconded was adopted.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was received, read, approved and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned Committee to whom was referred the By-laws of Lodges No. 224 and 236 and 237 respectfully beg leave to report.

That we have carefully examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 224 and after making a few slight alterations and amendments recommend their adoption, to wit:

Strike out of Article 1st the words May in two places and insert March. Strike out of Article 2nd the words "with consent of the Lodge." Add to Article 10th the words subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted.

The By-laws of Lodge No. 236 have been also examined.

When after inserting after the words December annually in Article 2nd according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers and striking out of the same article and if there shall be an equality of votes the W. M. as well in this and every other case shall have the casting vote, recommend their adoption.

The By-laws also of Lodge No. 237 have been carefully

examined and after striking out of Article 3d the words with the consent of the Lodge, recommend their adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. JAMES PAGE,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Committee.

PHIL., June 4th, 1849.

A communication was read from a committee of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, stating that the Lodge had been invited to lay the corner-stone of a Presbyterian Church at Dillstown with Masonic ceremonies and asked also the loan of the vases and cornucopia to carry the oil, wine and corn in.

When on motion duly made and seconded, the following Resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the request of the Committee of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, be granted provided they have the authority of the R. W. D. D. G. Master and that the ceremonies be performed in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon.

Printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.:

Mississippi, Wisconsin, Michigan, District of Columbia, Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, Tennessee, New York and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the price of bound copies of the Ahiman Rezon be reduced to one dollar.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ to eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Augt. 6th, 1849, A. L. 5849.

Special communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. Grand Master.
" William Whitney, R. W. Dep. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James E. Richardson, Dep. G. Secy.
" John Bradley, S. G. Deacon.
" George Griscom, J. G. Deacon.
" Peter Williamson, Grand Marshal.
" William S. Shultz, Grand Pursuivant.
" James Page, Past G. Master.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Richardson, Buckley.
" 3, " Herrigues, Robinson, Thomson, Florence, King, Zorns, Martin.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach, Crow.
" 19, " Bradley, Griscom, Wilson.
" 25, " Richea.
" 51, " Baggs, Thomson, Whitney, Workman.
" 52, " Smith, Thomas.
" 59, " Adams, Watson.
" 67, " Jas. Hutchinson, Simpson, Conrad, Reese, Jones.
" 71, " Meyers, Schloss, Vancollum.
" 72, " Thompson, Peacock, H. M. Phillips, West.
" 91, " Casey.
" 114, " Bruner, Kelly.
" 115, " Mann, Heimberger.
" 121, " Davis, Frazer, Flanagan, Foering.
" 125, " Bournonville, Remak.
" 126, " Hesser, Negus, Page.
" 130, " Shultz, Riley, Lescure, Coryell, J. Shultz, Easby.

No. 134, Bros. Williamson, Butler.
" 155, " Fritz.
" 158, " Jones, Shields.
" 186, " Gaskill.
" 187, " Loeser.
" 211, " Page, Cartwright, Bennett, Ristine.
" 236, " Weaver.

Proxies, Bros. Fritz, Whitney, Bournonville, Thomson, Adams (3), Page, Simpson.

Thirty four Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 O'Clock, P. M.

The R. W. G. Master stated that a communication had been received from Robinson and Stein which was referred at last communication June 4th, A. D. 1849, to the Committee of Grand Officers and in pursuance of this resolution and amendment, this special communication had been called.

The Grand Secretary as directed read the following.

The Committee to whom was referred the commn. of Robinson and Stein read in the Grand Lodge June 4th, 1849, held a meeting immediately after the meeting of the Grand Lodge and have held a number since that time. At the first meeting it was agreed to extend to the lessees all the lenity possible consistent with the interests of the Grand Lodge they called repeatedly upon the lessees and urged and encouraged them to come up to their agreement with the Grand Lodge. Every inducement was held out to them, but all in vain.

Propositions were made on both sides, to those coming from your Committee they would promise to comply with, but in every promise failed.

Those coming from the lessees your Committee thought it would not be to the interest of the Grand Lodge to entertain.

The whole amount of money received from lessees, since the meeting of the Grand Lodge, was a draft on Pittsburg for $50, which is paid and placed to their credit, this added to the $300 previously paid to the Grand Treasurer makes an aggregate of $350 to cover the rent for a period of five months, with a deduction of $25 per month for repairs as per the lease, this still leaves a balance of $1525 due the first day of August last.

And as your Committee have been repeatedly called upon by members of the Order, with remonstrances to make the les-

sees pay their rent, as non-payment of the same would ultimately seriously effect the finances of the subordinate Lodges, and further by being called upon by the securities the co-lessees Bro. Smith Skinner and Mr. Andrew Coffman (whose remonstrance in writing is hereby appended) and lastly as there is no judgement confessed by the lessees and no other security for the rent but the curiosities, your Committee thought proper to order a levy which has been done and is now in full force to secure the Grand Lodge from loss.

An additional reason for taking this step was, the removal without the consent of your Committee of several goods and chattels from the building in violation of the agreement and from further information being lodged with your Committee from a respectable source that the collection was sold and to be delivered on Monday the 6th of August.

The members of the Grand Lodge will bear in mind that there are two distinct operations

First, the sale of the curiosities.

Second, the renting of the building.

In the first, the balance of the purchase money for the curiosities say $2500 is amply secured by judgement bonds against the real estate of Mr. Philip Duhley and others on the faith however of the collection remaining in the building to the completion of the lease or the approbation of the parties for the removal of the same.

In the second the renting of the hall.

The rent is secured first by the simple signatures only of four individuals without any judgement bond (two of these are the lessees) and by the agreement that the collection shall remain during the term and to the completion of the lease, therefore you will perceive the collection is the main, in fact the only, security available without distressing those who went into this operation purely from motives of friendship and not of profit.

The following communication from Mr. Andrew Coffman and Bro. Smith Skinner was read.

To the officers of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Gentlemen, The undersigned would respectfully submit that when they became sureties for the payment of the rent reserved in the lease of the old Masonic Hall, Chestnut St., they were

under the impression that John Robinson the lessee would be urged to pay his rent punctually as it became due and more especially were they led to this conclusion as the non-payment of the rent would cause a forfeiture of the lease if persisted in for 10 days.

They have been informed, how correctly they leave with you, that there are nearly three months rent now due by Mr. Robinson and that altho' payment will shortly become due for the Museum itself and that the speculation itself has turned out a complete failure.

Should these facts be true and the matter suffered to continue they must inevitably be involved in great and serious losses and difficulties which they sincerely believe you would not desire.

They therefore with great confidence throw themselves on your friendly feelings for relief in this matter.

As they are well assured that procrastination will render matters worse, they earnestly solicit immediate action in this matter, so that they may not be sufferers for an act of friendship, which was entirely disinterested and a responsibility which was entirely unexpected and apparently beyond the controul of the parties concerned.

With great respect, Your Obt. Servts.,

Signed. ANDREW COFFMAN.
SMITH SKINNER.

JUNE 19th, 1849.

The following proposition from Robinson and Stein which had been acted upon by the Committee of Grand Officers was read, viz.:

To P. Fritz, William Whitney, Anthony Bournonville, Jas. Hutchinson, John Thomson and William H. Adams, Esqrs., Committee.

BRETHREN, We find it impossible to pay our indebtedness to the Grand Lodge and others without having complete control of the curiosities, either by selling a part, or letting them out, or remove a part to form a Museum in some other City, the lease specifying they shall remain in the building, and altho' it being personal property and in our possession we might do with them

as we pleased, still in honor we feel bound to ask your consent which we flatter ourselves you will accede to, as the balance due on them $2500 is amply secured to the Grand Lodge.

We have not met with that success we anticipated and hope by your compliance with our request we shall be enabled to make some advantageous disposition of the property.

If however you do not wish to accede to this proposal we make the following.

We have paid on the curiosities $2000 and $300 on account of rent and spent on the hall $2500, we are willing to sacrifice the whole on condition that the Grand Lodge assume our liabilities about $1,000 and release ourselves and securities from the lease of the hall.

Signed. ROBINSON AND STEIN.

PHIL., July 1st, 1849.

After considerable discussion on motion of Bro. Remak seconded by Bro. Griscom the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the proceeding of the Grand Officers be approved.

The following communication was received, read and accepted and the Grand Secretary directed to present the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

PHILADA., Augt. 6th, 1849.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

BRETHREN, I have the pleasure to present to the Grand Lodge two ashlers made of the beautiful marble now being used in the construction of the Washington National Monument.

The hallowed association connected with these ashlers would render them acceptable to every patriotic American citizen, but peculiarly so to the Masonic Fraternity who point with so much pride and satisfaction to the Illustrious Father of his Country, as an active and devoted member of our ancient and honorable order.

Very respectfully and truly,

Your friend and Bro.,

JOHN C. MONTGOMERY.

On motion duly made and seconded a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

Lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Secretary G. L.

PHILADELPHIA, Septr. 3d, 1849.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. G. Master.
" William Whitney, R. W. D. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. S. G. W.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Robert Frazer, Depy. G. Secy.
" C. C. Williams, S. G. Deacon.
" George Griscom, J. G. Deacon.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page, B. Newcomb, } P. G. Masters.
" S. H. Perkins, Wm. Barger, }
" E. S. Ely, Wm. H. Moore, G. Chaplains.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Richardson, Buckley, Gumple.
" 3, " Desilver, Martin, Robinson, Thomson, Zorns, Skerrett, Webb, Florence, Herriques, Florence.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach.
" 19, " Childs, Bradley, Heines, Griscom, Wilson, Thornley, Hodges.
" 51, " Bouvier, Thomson, Whitney, Workman.
" 45, " McCammon, Rodgers.

No. 25, Bros. Benezett, Scott, Richea.
" 59, " Davenport, Adams, Watson.
" 67, " Jas. Hutchinson, Laudenslager, Simpson, Wagner, Reese, Smith, Miller, Weeks, Conrad.
" 52, " Pearson, Yeager, Smith.
" 71, " Hyneman, Meyers, Schloss.
" 72, " Williams, Grigg, H. M. Phillips, Chase, J. A. Phillips, Barger, Gibson, West, Thompson.
" 91, " Casey, Perkins, Headley, Manning.
" 81, " Schnider.
" 114, " Baxter, Bruner, Keim.
" 115, " Newcomb, Dougherty, Heimberger, Diamond.
" 121, " Frazer, Davis, G. C. Moore, Levistien, Vaux.
" 125, " Rasche, Remak, Steiner, Bournonville, Smith.
" 126, " Page, Negus, Hesser.
" 130, " Coryell, Shultz, Easby, Pascal, Sleeper, Lescure.
" 134, " Butler, Stocker, McCulloch, Williamson.
" 155, " Fritz.
" 158, " Oliver.
" 186, " Gaskill, Horner.
" 187, " Hickey.
" 211, " Page, Hall, Cartwright.

Proxies, Fritz, Wm. Whitney, Anthony Bournonville, John Thomson, Wm. H. Adams (3), C. C. Williams, Jacob Steiner, James Page, Wm. Barger (2), Simpson, Hyneman (3), J. A. Phillips, Vaux, McCulloch.

Forty six lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Minutes of Quarterly Grand Communication June 4th, 1849, read and approved.

Minutes of Special Communication Augt. 6th, 1849, read and approved.

An application for a new Warrant at Warren, Warren County, Penna., was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for a new Warrant in the town of New Castle, Delaware County, Penna., was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition for the restoration of the Warrant of Benevolent

Lodge, No. 168, at Doylestown, Bucks County, was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for the restoration of the Warrant of Lodge No. 156, at Chestnut Level, Lancaster Co., Pa., was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The By-laws of Lodges No. 233 and 236 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following communication from Lodge No. 222 was read, viz.:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The petition of the subscribers members of Minersville Lodge, No. 222, under your jurisdiction.

Respectfully beg leave to represent that —— and ——, both young men of this place and of the most worthy and unimpeachable character, having an idea of removing to British America and for other more laudable motives, made application to our Lodge some time since and were most warmly recommended, but from some personal or individual dislike they each received one black ball to the utter astonishment and surprise of the Lodge, we therefore desire that the R. W. G. Lodge will for the good of the Craft and for the advancement of the best interest of the institution, be pleased to reinstate them so that they can obtain a dispensation from the R. W. D. D. Grand Master of this district.

Signed. Wm. A. Robbins, W. M., Jno. F. G. Rumsims, Sr. W.; Saml. Gumpert, Jr. W., p. t.; C. B. De Forrest, Peter Stroup, J. M. Richards, Geo. J. Hehr, Jos. H. Crist, Isaac Wards, Jno. Steiner, Wm. Steiner, Jno. Fisher, O. M. Robins, J. Spencer and J. W. Gibbs.

Minersville, Augt. 31st, 1849.

Bro. Leon Hyneman moved that the application be received and request granted.

Bro. Alex. McCammon moved to amend by striking out all after the word resolved and insert the words That the application be referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

Bro. G. Remak moved that the amendment be amended by referring it to the Grand Officers with power to act.

It was then moved and seconded that the original motion and amendments thereon be postponed. Which was adopted.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 190, at Norristown, Penna., and ordered to be filed, shewing the election of Bro. Oliver E. Cloud, Jr. Warden in the place of Bro. Jno. A. Martin who resigned April 11th, 1849.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 134 dated June 30th, 1849, which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, presenting a copy of the Masonic Text Book. Which was ordered to be filed.

A return was received shewing the Organization of Lodge No. 238, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Penna., on July 13th, 1849.

A return was received shewing the Organization of Lodge No. 239, at Freeport, Armstrong County, Penna., on the 2nd day of August, 1849.

The following report was received, read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz.:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned to whom was referred several matters with power to act beg leave respectfully to report.

The hall Chestnut Street has and still continues to receive the untiring attention of the Grand Officers.

The R. W. G. Master at various periods of the last year and up to the Quarterly Communication to March last has, by written and verbal reports, kept you acquainted with the doings of the Grand Officers in relation to the difficulties with Mr. Peale and the Chestnut St. Hall.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge June 5th, 1848, the Grand Lodge was assured that if they relinquished their right to the collection of pictures and paintings in the Museum and permit them to be removed to satisfy the claim which the Trustees of the U. S. Bank and others held against Mr. Peale all execution against him should be satisfied and our rent paid, this being strongly urged and at the same time firmly opposed before the Grand Lodge, it was agreed to. Scarcely had the pictures and paintings got out of our possession when an execution at the instance of Mr. Michael McNinney by his counsel Richard

Vaux, Esqr., was issued and put in force, which prevented any lawful distress being made by the Grand Lodge, the goods being in the custody of the law. This caused a watchman to be placed there by the Sheriff. Subsequently it was found necessary for us to place one there also.

The Sheriff had the goods advertised for sale on the 20th of Septr., 1848, at which time another execution was issued against Mr. Peale by Messrs. Smith and Bagley, by their counsel Wm. A. Porter, Esqr.

On the day of sale a large gathering of persons were present, it just happening that the Academy of Natural Science held a convention in this city, composed of gentlemen from almost every part of the United States, and every thing appeared to warrant the supposition that if the sale had been persisted in a fair price could have been realized for the collection, the bidding commenced with great spirit and lots up to No. 15 on the catalogues sold at good prices and netted as we have heard $55.52, when the sale was postponed for two weeks by the counsel for the plaintiff, as it was said to give it greater publicity.

The Grand Officers as far as they had the power, by written and printed communications to neighbouring cities and advertising in the newspapers, as well having large hand bills placed in conspicuous places in the city, gave it as much publicity as possible.

On the morning this sale was to have taken place (Octor. 4th, 1848,) notice was given to the Sheriff that Mrs. Peale claimed the whole collection, the sale was again put off and the matter was brought before the District Court and Court of Common Pleas, which proceedings consumed several weeks, when she failing to make good her claim, it was decided against her.

It was then advertised to be sold on the 9th of Novr., 1848, and on the morning of this sale the executions of McNinney and Smith and Bagley were stayed and the sale defeated.

The Grand Officers were then allowed to make a simple constable's levy and distress for arrears of rent amounting to $4560.25/100.

The sale under this process took place on the 21st of Novr., 1848, and the goods were purchased by Wm. F. Smith, brother to Mrs. Peale, by a Mr. Sowers acting as his agent. He failing

to make good his purchase, or produce the money, they were again advertised for sale on Decr. 1st, 1848, by his default and at his risk. Owing to the repeated postponements the public lost confidence and very few persons were present, therefore in self defence the collection was purchased for the Grand Lodge for $3200. The Brethren of the Grand Lodge will perceive from the many postponements and vexatious delays, caused by the parties, a considerable length of time was unnecessarily consumed and a loss sustained by the Grand Lodge amounting to $3507.46. Recapitulated as follows:

To Mr. Peale's debit.

To Amt. of rent for 3 years 1846, 7 and 8, at $4250 per annum		$12,750 00
" Int. on bal. of rent unpaid Oct. 1		110 00
" Bill of gas	$73 75	
" Cash pd. bal. tax 1846	$130 00	
" " for tax 1847 and 1848	771 60	
	901 60	
" " water rent	16 75	
" " pd. watchmen	207 50	
" " pd. levys, expenses of the different sales and constables	401 33	
" " printing catalogue, &c., &c.	83 05	
" " pd. Bros. Newcomb and Perkins for professional services	200 00	
		1,873 98
Total		$14,743 98

To Mr. Peale's credit.

By Cash at sundry times	$7,531 00	
" " from Panorama of Mississippi,	400 00	
" Nett proceeds in hands of Sheriff	55 52	
" Sale of Museum	3,250 00	
		11,236 52
		$3,507 46

On Jany. 1st, 1849, the hall came into our possession. Several opportunities were given to Mr. Peale to secure the collection and have it removed but in every thing he failed. A proposition was received from his friend Mr. Gilston of Baltimore to give $3000 for the collection which was refused, one from Messrs. Silsby and Co. for $4500 with Mr. Swaim's or Elder's endorsement as security, which was also refused. Several others were received but it is unnecessary to enumerate them. Bro. Jno. Robinson's offer for $4000 was declined. He then offered $4500 and agreed to rent the hall, which proposal was entertained.

The proposal made by Bro. Robinson was deemed the most advantageous to the Grand Lodge, as we not only sold the collection but rented the building accordingly made with him the following agreement for sale of the collection and renting of the hall. (Agreement read and is on file.)

Two thousand dollars were paid in cash as per agreement into the hands of the Grand Treasurer and for the remaining $2,500 balance of the purchase money the following judgement bond was executed and recorded according to law. Bond as read filed and recorded.

The difficulty with the owner of the adjoining property has been happily adjusted. He giving to the Grand Lodge in consideration for the party wall and water course a strip of ground in the rear of the hall 23 ft. by 19 feet clear of every incumbrance and agreeing to make the water course on the roof and everything connected therewith complete and without any expense to the Grand Lodge.

The new Warrant at Washington, Washn. County; Montrose, Susquehanna County; Freeport, Armstrong County, and Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, have all been granted and are now in successful operation.

The application for the revival of Lodge No. 165 at Pittsburg, Pa., is still under consideration.

In the matter in relation to Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, your Committee passed the following resolution, "viz.":

Resolved, that it is not in the power of the Grand Officers to grant the request of the petitioners, it being contrary to the regulation of the Grand Lodge.

Since the meeting of the Grand Lodge Augt. 6th, 1849,

$400 has been received on account of rent from the gentlemen having in charge the Panorama exhibiting in hall, Chestnut Street, and has been carried to the credit of Robinson and Stein for the rent for the month ending Septr. 1st, last Saturday.

The levy is continued in full force, the parties consenting in writing to the following agreement, to wit: (Agreement read and placed on file.) Several communications have been received asking our sanction to a sale of the Museum collection to the last the following answer was sent, to wit:

PHILADA., Augt. 28th, 1849.

Jos. R. Paxton, Esqr.,

DEAR SIR.—A communication from Mr. Edwd. Green, addressed to the Grand Lodge with reference to the Philada. Museum, has been received. The Grand Lodge not having at this time any right of property in the goods in question can of course neither agree, or disagree to any proposals, with regard to any sale of those goods, at present the goods in question are distrained for rent, as far as the Grand Lodge is concerned no difficulty will be made either to the consummation of a sale, or to the removal of the goods, provided the amount of rent now due, to wit $1525, together with the amount still due on the purchase money $2500 are paid to Wm. H. Adams, Grand Secy. of the Grand Lodge of Penna., previous to giving possession of the goods and removing them.

It is perhaps proper to add that the present tenants will, of course, have to vacate the premises at once and abandon any right vested in them, under the existing lease.

Respectfully your obt. servt.,

Signed. PETER FRITZ.

Since which time we have not heard anything from the parties.

In closing at this time this brief statement, it is with sincere pleasure and great gratification we are able to congratulate the Grand Lodge on accomplishing the object for which the Grand Lodge passed a resolution Decr. 4, 1848, authorizing the issue of $12,100 new certificates of debt, to form a fund to pay our indebtedness to E. S. Burd, &c.

Twenty four shares of the loan as directed were issued as follows:

Jno. Bradley	3	shares.
Charity Fund	1	do.
Lodge No. 211	1	do.
Lodge No. 59	1	do.
Lodge No. 67	5	do.
do. " 19	4	do.
do. " 114	7	do.
do. " 71	2	do.

When by a train of fortunate circumstances and the prompt action of the Grand Lodge, in directing the bank stock held by the Girard Bequest to be sold and the proceeds invested in the loan, we were enabled to effect an arrangement whereby the whole amount was realized without any further issue.

The holders of the old loan very kindly and without the least hesitation transferred their certificates as follows:

To the Charity Fund	1	share.
" Jno. Bradley	3	do.
" Lodge No. 9	3	do.
" do. " 19	4	do.
" do. " 59	1	do.
" do. " 67	5	do.
" do. " 71	2	do.
" do. " 114	7	do.
" do. " 211	1	do.
" Grand Lodge	22	do.
" Lafayette picture	1	do.
" Girard Bequest	71	do.
	421	shares

Having given 24 certificates of the old issue to those who had paid for the new, we were enabled to cancel the whole issue and destroy the temporary certificates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. PETER FRITZ. JAMES HUTCHINSON.
WILLIAM WHITNEY. WILLIAM H. ADAMS.
ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE.

PHILADA., Septr. 3d, 1849.

P. G. Master Bro. James Page presented a written statement on the principal subject of the Grand Officers' report, viz.: the subject of the lessees of the hall with a request that it might be accepted and filed with the report of the Grand Officers.

Bro. J. A. Phillips moved that the written statement presented and read by P. G. M. Page be spread on the Minutes. The question being taken it was lost.

It was then moved and seconded, that the statement be filed among the Archives of the Order. Which was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Alex. E. Dougherty and duly seconded it was *Resolved,* that the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby requested to report to the Grand Lodge, at its next meeting, the amount or condition of that Fund and they be also requested to cancel all uncancelled certificates of Masonic loan now held by them. Which was adopted.

The following report was received and read and the resolution thereto appended adopted, "viz.":

To the Rt. W. G. Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed on the communication from Lodge No. 62, held at Reading.

Respectfully report: that they have considered the matters referred to them. That by the existing Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penna., if the report of a Committee of Enquiry is favorable the candidate is balloted for on a stated night of meeting and receiving a unanimous vote is declared to be approved. (See Ahiman Rezon page 35.) There is nothing contained in the Rules and Regulations directing the course to be pursued in case of an unfavorable report, but as a candidate cannot be admitted without a ballot and there is no provision to ballot on an unfavorable report it follows of course that the candidate is rejected. The course to be pursued by the applicant in such case, if he believes that he has been aggrieved, is pointed out in the Rules and Regulations page 134, viz.: "An appeal lies to the Grand Lodge by any person aggrieved by the proceedings of a subordinate lodge" and the manner of appealing is therein set forth.

The Rules and Regulations page No. 161 provide that "If an applicant be rejected, a second ballot may be had on the motion of any member duly seconded, made at one stated

meeting and adopted at the next or at some subsequent meeting. But the ballot so allowed shall be had at the stated meeting next subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted." From the above it is plain that altho' the motion for a second ballot need not be adopted at the next stated meeting after it is made, but may be adopted at that, or some subsequent meeting. Yet the provision is expressed that the ballot so allowed shall be had at the stated meeting *next subsequent* to that at which such motion was adopted.

The Committee offer the following Resolution for adoption, "viz.":

1st. That an unfavorable report of a committee on a petition for Initiation and Membership is a rejection of the candidate and that he should be so returned by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge stating in the return that the Committee report unfavorably.

2nd. That when a motion has been made for a second ballot at one stated meeting and adopted at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, the ballot must be had at the stated meeting next subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. B. Newcomb.
James Page,
Wm. Barger,
Committee.

Sept. 3d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that in conformity to the views of some of the members of the Grand Lodge the Committee of Grand Officers were without authority to proceed to final action in the matter of the lease of the hall in Chestnut Street, they have delayed all final action to this time, but that if they received no further instructions from the Grand Lodge, they should proceed without waiting for such instructions, should they deem it expedient for the interest of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Thos. B. Florence and seconded, the following Resolution was offered, to wit:

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be instructed to release the collection in Chestnut Street Hall in case Robinson and Stein should effect a sale and the amount of rent due, as also the bal-

ance on the curiosities be paid with interest prior to the first of October next.

It was then moved by Bro. Leon Hyneman, that the motion be amended by striking out all after the word resolved and insert, That the question of the Chestnut St. Hall and the tenants be referred to the Grand Officers with instructions that they be directed to bring it to a close as speedily as possible.

After considerable discussion Bro. Leon Hyneman withdrew his amendment to give place to the following which was offered by Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the original motion be amended by striking out all after the word Resolved and insert the words

The whole subject of the hall in Chestnut Street be referred to the Grand Officers with full power to act as they may deem expedient in the premises. The resolution as amended was adopted.

The Rt. W. G. Master stated that he had appointed Brother Thos. Desilver a member of the Hall Committee in place of Brother Chas. McKaraher, deceased.

Printed communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. Grand Lodges of New York, Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Indiana, Arkansas, Maryland, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

On motion a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 20 minutes to 12 o'clock.

WM. H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 3rd, 1849, A. L. 5849.

Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. G. Master.
" Wm. Whitney, R. W. D. G. M.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. S. G. W.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Jas. E. Richardson, R. W. D. G. S.

Bro. Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" C. C. Williams, Sr. G. Deacon.
" Geo. Griscom, Jr. G. Deacon.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Burrows and Douglass, G. Chaplains.
" Newcomb, Randal, Badger, Reed, Barger and Page, } P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Richardson, Buckley, Guillou, Burden, Samuels, Maguire.
" 3, " Colladay, Carter, Martin, Florence, Robinson, Herrigues, Skerrett, Wood, Desilver, Thomson, King, English, Loughead.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, Crow.
" 19, " Hines, Patton, Thornly, Randal, Hodges, Griscom, Park, Bradley, Haswell, Murphy, Cummings, Reynolds, Childs, Wilson.
" 21, " Proxy, Wm. English.
" 22, " Walker, Proxy, Whitney.
" 43, " Proxy, Wm. Barger.
" 45, " Proxy, Robt. McCulloch.
" 25, " Benezett, Richea, Downing, Scott.
" 51, " Bouvier, Thomson, Whitney, Workman, Read, Bender, Baggs.
" 52, " Pearson, Dorff, Patten, Smith, Yeager, Thomas.
" 59, " Watson, Kneass, Davenport, Adams, Middleton, Smith.
" 62, " Stichter, Ritter, Hunter.
" 67, " Jones, Baugh, Van Osten, Wagner, Smith, Simpson, Conrad, Baker, Hutchinson, Wilson, Laudenslager, Reese, Simon, Field, Desilver, Deklyne, Robt. Hutchinson.
" 71, " Horner, Meyers, Schloss, Frismuth, Smith, Vancollum, Golden.
" 72, " West, Barger, Clinton, Speering, H. M. Phillips, Molan, Moore, Peacock, Williams, Chase, Gibson, Thompson, J. A. Phillips.
" 75, " McVeigh, Nichols.

No. 81, Bros. Snyder, Fries.
" 82, " Proxy, William H. Adams.
" 91, " Headley, Mitchell, Leidy, Casey, Saml. Badger, Henniss, Jones, Perkins, Bell.
" 106, " Proxy, William English.
" 108, " do. William H. Adams.
" 114, " Williamson, Bruner, Coburn, Krider, Boyd, Thomson, Sharp.
" 115, " A. E. Dougherty, Diamond, Tisdall, Archambault, Newcomb, Heimberger, Baxter.
" 121, " Flannigan, Frazer, Morgan, Davis, Vaux, Leviestien, Foering.
" 126, " Hesser, Simpson, Page.
" 125, " Bournonville, Remak, Buehler, Maag, Steiner, Doebley, Rasche, Schmidt, Aichternacht.
" 130, " Riley, Logue, J. Schultz, W. S. Shultz, Coryell, Easby, Lescure, Westcott.
" 134, " Pettit, Cohen, Stocker, McCulloch, Williamson, Klapp, Butler.
" 138, " Proxy, Wm. H. Adams.
" 148, " " Bournonville.
" 153, " " Desilver, R. W.
" 155, " Fritz, Collins, Wilkinson, Curtis, Allen, Martin, Sanger, Housekeeper, Allen.
" 158, " Ewing, Taylor, Shields, Hamilton, Jones, Oliver.
" 163, " Proxy, James Simpson.
" 164, " " Wm. Barger.
" 186, " William Stephens, White, Barrington, Zeigler, Hufty, Gaskill, Stewart, Horner, Russell, Fletcher.
" 187, " Loeser, Coates, Purvis, Wilkinson, Werthym, Rittenhouse.
" 190, " Richards, Cornmans, Falforth.
" 197, " Porter, Proxy, C. C. Williams.
" 199, " Proxy, Wm. H. Adams.
" 211, " Warthman, Ristine, Hall, Cartwright, Page, Dorlan, Jones.
" 218, " Proxy, Jno. Thomson.
" 219, " do. Peter Fritz.

No. 221, Bros. Proxy, J. A. Phillips.
" 234, " " Steiner.
" 230, " Taylor, Mather, Cook.
" 236, " Weaver.

Forty eight Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication September 3rd were read and adopted.

A corrected copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 130 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Printed communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, to wit:

Grand Lodge of New York, New Hampshire, Kentucky, South Carolina, Maine, District of Columbia. Also from the St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and made the following statement, to wit:

Brethren, In relation to the Chestnut Street Hall, I at this time will merely say, the Grand Officers were obliged to let the Sheriff make sale of the Museum collection, &c., every effort on their part was tried to make an amicable arrangement with the parties but without success.

The Sheriff therefore made a sale on Monday last and the collection was sold to Mr. Barnum the only bid at $3,500.

The lease and a few benches and gas fixtures were sold to a Mr. Brown. But the matter is not yet fully completed owing to some difficulties thrown in the way by the counsel representing a claim for work and materials furnished Messrs. Robinson and Stein.

I make this statement to let the Brethren know the true state of the case, as it has been stated that I purchased the collection, after refusing to let Mr. Barnum have it without he would pay in silver and gold.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge for the election of its officers. The R. W. Grand Master after having in a neat and appropriate address declined being a candidate appointed Brothers Wm. English, Richard Vaux, Michael Bouvier, and C. S. Richea, Tellers.

The R. W. Grand Lodge then went into a ballot when the following Brethren were duly elected, viz.:

Bro. William Whitney, R. W. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" Jas. Hutchinson, R. W. Sr. G. W.
" Alex. Diamond, R. W. Jr. G. W.
" Jno. Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.

Before going into an election for Trustees of the Girard Bequest Bro. P. G. M. Bayse Newcomb declined being a candidate. When the following Brethren were duly elected, viz.:

Bros. Saml. H. Perkins, Saml. Badger, Wm. Barger, Peter Williamson, Jacob Steiner, Trustees.

Grand Lodge then closed in harmony at eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 17th, A. L. 5849.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. G. M.
" William Whitney, R. W. D. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. S. G. W.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James E. Richardson, D. G. Secy.
" C. C. Williams, S. G. D.
" E. P. Lescure, J. G. D., p. t.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" James Simpson, G. Steward.
" John G. Sharp, Do. Do., p. t.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.

Bros. Peter Van Pelt, Orson Douglass, & Ezra Stiles Ely, Grand Chaplains.
" B. Newcomb, S. H. Perkins, & James Page, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Richardson.
"	3,	"	Robinson, Zorns, Carlin, Herriques, Colladay, Thomson, King.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Leach, Crow.
"	19,	"	Bradley, Cummings, Hodges, Griscom, Thornly, Haswell, Childs, Wilson, Patton, Reynolds.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Thomson, Baggs, Bouvier.
"	52,	"	Pearson, Patton, Thomas.
"	59,	"	Adams.
"	67,	"	Simpson, Smith, Van Osten, Reese, Martin, Miller, Jas. Hutchinson.
"	71,	"	Van Collum, Frismuth.
"	72,	"	H. M. Phillips, Phillips, Chase, Thompson, Williams, Peacock.
"	25,	"	Benezett, Scott.
"	91,	"	Casey, Hart, Manning, Perkins.
"	114,	"	Baxter, Krim, Thomson, Krider, Bruner, Sharp.
"	115,	"	Diamond, McCloud, Heimberger, Newcomb, Dougherty.
"	121,	"	Foering.
"	125,	"	Doebley, Bournonville, Remak, Maag, Buehler, Schnider, Smith, Wollenweber.
"	126,	"	Negus, Page.
"	130,	"	Riley, Lescure, Coryell, Shultz.
"	134,	"	Butler, Klapp, Williamson, Stocker.
"	155,	"	Fritz, Wilkinson.
"	158,	"	Oliver, Shields, Jones, Ewing.
"	186,	"	Barrington, Hufty, Gaskill.
"	187,	"	Hilt, Purvis, Loeser.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Page, Hall, Ristine.
"	190,	"	Fulford.
"	230,	"	Cook.

Proxies, No. 22, 82, 108, 138, 148, 163, 190, 197, 199, 218, 219, 221, 234.

Thirty-nine Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at a quarter past six o'clock.

The following communication was received, read and the request therein contained granted, viz.:

New Castle, Pa., Octor. 24th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Penna.

We the undersigned having been informed that we stand suspended on the books of the Grand Lodge would respectfully state that to the best of our knowledge we paid to Mercer Lodge all our dues before that Lodge ceased to work and formally withdrew.

We therefore pray your honorable body to reinstate us in our former standing, as you will perceive, by our names being signed to a petition for a Warrant at New Castle, it is our desire to resume again our labors and your petitioners will ever feel grateful and as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Signed. D. Crawford. John Read.
William Cox. Jos. S. Cassett.

An application was received from a number of Brethren residing in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pa., asking for a new Warrant to hold a Lodge at that place. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was also received from a number of Brethren residing at Mauch Chunk, Pa., for a new Warrant to hold a Lodge at that place. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in relation to a Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States. Which was on motion ordered to be laid on the table.

It was again called up and on motion duly made and seconded, referred to the Committee on Landmarks and they be requested to make report at their convenience.

The following communication was received and laid on the table for the present.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The petition of the subscribers members of Minersville Lodge, No. 222, under your jurisdiction.

Respectfully beg leave to represent that —— —— and —— ——, both young men of this place and of the most worthy and unimpeachable character, having an idea of removing to British America and for other more laudable motives, made application to our Lodge some time since and were most warmly recommended; but from some personal or undeserved dislike they each received one black ball to the utter astonishment and surprise of the Lodge, we therefore desire the R. W. G. Lodge will for the good of the Craft and for the advancement of the best interests of the Institution be pleased to reinstate them so that they can obtain dispensations from the R. W. the District Deputy Grand Master of this district.

W. A. Robbins, W. M.; Jno. G. G. Rumsens, Sr. W.; Saml. Gumpert, Jr. W., p. t.; C. De Forrest, Peter Stroup, Jn. N. Richards, Joseph H. Christ, Isaac Ward, Jno. Sterner and others.

Minersville, Augt. 31st, 1849.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 218, at Honesdale, Wayne County, Penna., in relation to a Grand Lecturer which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following report from the Committee on Correspondence was received and read and the resolution attached postponed until the next Quarterly Communication.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Communications have been received during the past Masonic year from the following Grand Lodges, to wit:

Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry, Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, from the M. W. G. Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, N. Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan.

After a careful examination of the above communications your Committee have the pleasure of reporting to this R. W. Grand Lodge that our ancient and honorable Fraternity throughout the United States and Canada appears to be in a highly

prosperous condition and that the utmost harmony appears to prevail except in the Masonic jurisdiction of New York and Louisiana.

In New York the difficulties arise from a difference of opinion in the Fraternity, as to what shall constitute membership of the Grand Lodge in the opinion of your Committee both parties in the matter are in the wrong and that the schism can only be healed by their own action.

In Louisiana matters of a more serious character present themselves.

It appears from communications before your Committee that the old Grand Lodge of Louisiana has accepted jurisdiction over Lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Modern or French Rite, and permitted representatives from those bodies to have membership in that Grand Lodge and that it was constituted in the three rites, to wit: The Ancient York Rite, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the French or Modern Rite and since that time (1832) the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana is the sole legislator of Symbolic Masonry in the State of Louisiana. (Translated from the report of the Committee on Regulations, published with Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of La. in 1844).

This Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite appears to have its origin about the close of the 17th Century, in the innovations then introduced by the adherents of James the 2nd, who followed that monarch into exile, and was used as a more secure means of keeping up political intercourse and intrigue with the adherents of the House of Stuart residing in England. It was extended by fresh innovations and additional degrees and assumed a systematic character under the Chevalier Ramsey in 1717, was adopted and incorporated with the Royal Order of Bruce by Prince Charles Edward about 1747 and after being the fruitful source of every species of disorder and irregularity was with the addition of other degrees equally preposterous in their pretensions reduced to its present form and system by Frederick the Great of Prussia in 1760.

This Ancient Scottish Rite as it is called is repudiated by the present Grand Lodge of Scotland. We find in the proceedings of the G. Lodge of Scotland of the 30th of November, 1802 that "A circular letter was received from the Grand Lodge

of America. The illumination which it breathed, and the supernumerary degrees amounting to about fifty, which it authorized were sufficient reasons for drawing down the contempt of the Scottish Masons whose honor it is to have preserved Free Masonry for many centuries in its original and simple form and whose pride it shall ever be to transmit, to the latest posterity the principles and ceremonies of their order unpolluted and unimpaired. (Lawrie p. 292.)

The Modern or French Rite is the one practised by the Grand Orient of France and has but little or no difference from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and owes its origin to the same source.

The following information relative to it, is gathered from the Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry published by our learned brother Dr. Oliver, Vol. 2.

"So many degrees of Ecossais or Scotch Masonry existed in France that it is next to impossible to reckon up the number, every new series was asserted to be a fresh importation from Scotland, when in fact they were all indebted for their origin to France and Germany.

"In 1770 numerous Lodges and Chapters tired of schisms which rent the venerable Order into sects and discordant parties each of which asserted its individual purity and authenticity in opposition to all others, placed themselves under the authority of a Grand Lodge at Lyons, it had 266 Lodges under its jurisdiction in 1782. Subsequently the Masons in Paris formed themselves into a Grand Lodge called the Grand Orient in which the Grand Lodge at Lyons was merged. The Duc de Chartres was constituted the Grand Master of the united body and proclaimed it, by manifesto to be the sole governing body of Masons on the continent of Europe, and after a protracted struggle of some years' duration he succeeded in establishing its claim to the title."

"The Grand Orient finding itself unable to maintain any longer the stand it had taken on the three craft degrees, agreed in 1786 to admit four of the haut grades into its system. They were the Elu, the Ecossais, the Chevalier d'Orient, and the Rose Croix.

"But it went a step further and consented to incorporate into these the substance of many others, the latter however remain-

ing essentially the same as the degree of Prince Chas. Edward, sometimes called the degree of the Eagle and Pelican.

"In 1804, a new Grand Lodge, or a new organization of an Ancient Rite, which was attempted by the formation of a Supreme Council of the Rite Ecossais Ancient Accepted, which made a rapid progress in public opinion and became so formidable that the Grand Orient thought it prudent to hold out terms of conciliation.

"Indeed the contending Grand Lodges began to be aware that great mischief to the society in general might be produced by such an appearance of insubordination and the two chief parties the Grand Orient and the Supreme Council (the former now adopted all the 33 degs.) were mutually desirous of equitable compromise, practising precisely the same rites, they at length consented to an Union in the enjoyment of equal privileges." (Oliver.)

"We thus find that the Modern, or French Rite, contains the thirty three degrees of the Scottish Rite, the difference consisting only in the organization of the governing power, the latter Rite being governed by a Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, according to the regulations laid down by Frederick the Great of which the Supreme Council of France is a specimen.

"The latter or Modern French Rite, being governed by a Grand Lodge called a Grand Orient, divided into Chambers of Administration and Councils of Rites." (Rep. of Com. of For. Correspondence of the G. L. of Louisiana of A. Y. Masonry.)

From the foregoing extracts it seems evident to your Committee, that no A. Y. Lodges can adopt the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Modern or French Rite, without forfeiting its claims to Ancient York Masonry. By reference to the *Free Masons Monthly Magazine* for November, 1844, page 30, published at Boston by Bro. C. W. Moore the following statement will be found, viz.:

"The late G. M. of England, the Duke of Sussex, took a decided stand in relation to the G. O. of France. He kindly received its delegation, sent expressly to negotiate for a unity of purpose and correspondence with the G. L. of England, but gave for answer, that the G. L. of England would *never* enter

into correspondence with any G. L. that entertained degrees or gave them beyond those of Master."

Your Committee could quote still more fully from the works of Lawrie and Dr. Oliver shewing the extent to which the innovations on Ancient Masonry were carried on the Continent of Europe, but believing that sufficient has been stated to satisfy this Grand Lodge of the inconsistent and improper course pursued by the old Grand Lodge of Louisiana in cumulation of Rites offer the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge cease all further correspondence with the M. W. G. L. of Cumulated Rites of the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, that this R. W. G. Lodge do recognize the newly constituted G. L. of A. Y. Masons of the State of Louisiana and that the Rt. W. G. Secretary of this G. Lodge be directed to open a correspondence with it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. DAVID C. SKERRITT,
WM. CURTIS,
Committee of F. Correspondence.

The following report was received and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master & Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned two of the Committee on Landmarks to which Committee the action of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, regarding the use of their Warrant to open an Encampment of Knight Templars was referred, respectfully report.

That they have considered the matter referred to them and that the proceedings of the said Lodge therein are according to the usages and customs of Freemasons in the State of Penna. and they offer the following resolution namely:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve of the action of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, regarding the use of their Warrant to open an Encampment of Knight Templars.

Signed. B. NEWCOMB.
SAML. H. PERKINS.

PHIL., Decr. 3d, 1849.

A communication was received from the officers of Chester Lodge, No. 236, in relation to the rejection of ——— ——— and ——— ——— by said Lodge upon a second ballot also praying that they be reinstated in the position they were in previous to their having made application.

The communication not being in order no action was taken thereon.

The Grand Secretary stated that agreeably to the direction of the Grand Lodge he made the following communication to Bro. Jno. C. Montgomery, which was on motion ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz.:

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hall So. 3rd St.,
PHILADA., Sept. 1st, 1849.

DEAR SIR AND BRO., I am instructed by a vote of the Grand Lodge of Penna. to acknowledge the receipt from you of two Ashlers made of the marble now being used in the erection of the Washington Monument and to convey to you the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the acceptable present.

The Grand Lodge is justly sensible of the honor which Masonry derives from the character of the illustrious Washington and she receives with marked satisfaction whatever is connected with his name and his memory and while she is thus honored by the greatness of a son like Washington, she is gratified that she has other children capable of judging of his excellency and of doing justice to her appreciation of his worth.

Fraternally and truly,
Your obt. servt.,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

To Jno. C. Montgomery, Esqr.

The following report was read and ordered to be filed and the request contained therein granted, "viz.":

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully report that the capital of the Fund has been increased since their last annual report by the purchase of an additional certificate of Masonic loan for $100.

There has been distributed in charity for the relief of widows during the current Masonic year the sum of one hundred and forty five dollars, making the whole outlay two hundred and forty five dollars.

The receipts by the Treasurer has been as follows:

	Bal. last report	$205 10
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Jany. 16,	6 mos. int. on Masonic loans	69 00
do.	do. " " gas loan	55 33
July 16,	6 mos. int. on Masonic loans	72 00
do.	do. " " gas loan	55 33
Decr. 3,	Cash from Bro. Jno. Jones being the balance of the principal of his indebtedness to the fund	73 67
		$530 43
	Leaving a balance in the treasury at the present time of	$285 43

The last appropriation has been exhausted and the Trustees ask the Grand Lodge to make an appropriation of $200 for the use of the Committee out of the above stated sum of $285.43 now on hand unappropriated.

Signed. Geo. Griscom,
T. Beehler,
Jno. Bradley,
Trustees.

Phila., Decr. 17th, 1849.

A lengthy communication was read from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Bequest asking the Grand Lodge to define what constitutes a poor and respectable Brother as stated in the will of Bro. Stephen Girard.

After considerable discussion and the Grand Lodge not arriving at any conclusion the subject was on motion postponed for the present.

On motion of Bro. John Thornly and duly seconded the following resolutions were brought before the Grand Lodge, but on motion duly seconded the whole subject was postponed until the Quarterly Communication in March next, viz.:

Resolved, that we deem it expedient that the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge be changed from our present location to that of the Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street.

Resolved, that the Committee of Five Past Masters members of this Grand Lodge be appointed to make the necessary arrangement including the sale of the property on Third Street for the removal of the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ to 10 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 27th, A. L. 5849.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. PETER FRITZ, R. W. G. Master.
" William Whitney, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. S. G. W.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" George Griscom, S. G. Deacon.
" John Bradley, J. G. Deacon.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" E. P. Lescure, G. Pursuivant.
" O. Douglass & E. S. Ely, G. Chaplains.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. James, Davis.
" 3, " Robinson, Ovenshine, Herrigues.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly.
" 19, " Meyers, Bradley, Griscom, Cummings.
" 25, " Benezett, Downing, Keim.
" 51, " Thomson, Whitney, Workman.
" 52, " Pearson, Smith, Chas. S. Smith.

No. 43, Bros. Wentz.
" 59, " Getz, Adams.
" 67, " Laudenslager, Reese, Jas. Hutchinson, Ward, Conrad, Smith.
" 72, " Moore, Phillips.
" 91, " Casey.
" 114, " Sharp, Steel, Krim, Krider, Thomson.
" 115, " Diamond, Sickel.
" 121, " Mott, Foering.
" 125, " Maag, Remak, Steiner, Bournonville, Buehler, Holzinger, Meyer, Wollenweber.
" 126, " Page, Negus.
" 130, " Lescure, Coryell, Shultz.
" 134, " Williamson.
" 155, " Fritz, Martin.
" 158, " Baird, Jones.
" 187, " McCann, Loeser, Wallace.
" 211, " Cartwright, Page.

Proxies, Jno. Thomson, Wm. Whitney, Adams (3), Phillips, Steiner, and Bournonville, Jas. Page, Peter Fritz.

Thirty three Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in ancient form at ¼ past 10 o'clock in the morning.

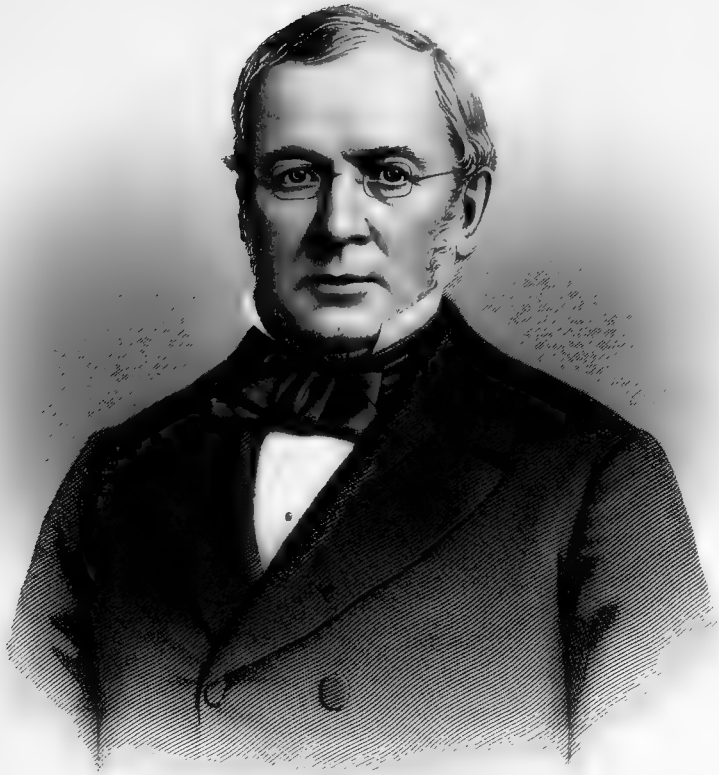
So much of the Minutes of Decr. 3rd, 1849, as relates to the election of officers was read and approved.

When the R. W. G. Master was pleased to deliver his valedictory address.

Those present who were not Past Master retired.

When Bro. William Whitney, R. W. G. Master elect and Bro. Anthony Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master elect were separately and duly installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren. Whereupon the Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers were severally and duly installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, viz.:

Bro. James Hutchinson, S. G. Warden.
" Alexr. Diamond, J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, G. Secy.



Wm Whitney

R. W. Grand Master.

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The Rt. W. G. Master after delivering a short and appropriate address announced the following appointments, "viz.":

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Geo. B. Kerfoot of the city of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.

Bro. Wm. B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the counties of Schuylkill, Northampton and Carbon.

Bro. Joseph L. Stichter of the city of Reading, for the county of Berks.

Bro. C. P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the counties of Fayette, Greene and Washington.

Bro. Samuel McKinley of Pittsburg, for the counties of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.

Bro. Benj. Park of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Mifflin, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Franklin, Lebanon and Blair.

Bro. Geo. C. Welker of Sunbury, for the counties of Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Bro. Philip Krebbs of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.

Bro. Samuel Houston of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford, Wyoming and Susquehanna.

Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the counties of Luzerne, Wayne and Pike.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev. Bros. Jno. Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, Orson Douglas, J. J. Kerr, J. L. Burrows, H. W. Ducachet, E. S. Ely, H. D. Moore.

Bro. Thomas Roney, S. Grand Deacon.

Bro. Joshua Speering, J. Grand Deacon.

Bros. Jno. G. Sharp & Washington Heimberger, Grand Stewards.

Bro. Peter Williamson, Grand Marshal.

Bro. Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. William S. Shultz, Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

Bro. Tobias Buehler, John Bradley, Wm. Conrad, Geo. D. Haswill, T. E. Baxter.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bro. Alex. E. Dougherty, George Smith, Joseph S. Riley, George H. Oliver, Jos. R. Flanigan.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. George Griscom, Charles J. Henniss, Jno. S. Hart.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Bro. James Page, Wm. H. Adams, Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE TRANSACTIONS OF LAST YEAR AND SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bro. Edwd. P. Lescure, Wm. Clinton and Joshua Mitchel.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bro. John C. Smith, John Thornly and George Thomson.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Bayse Newcomb, Jos. R. Chandler and Samuel H. Perkins.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Mathew Cartwright, Jas. Hickey, Edmd. Barrington, Wm. E. Ewing, John Martin, E. H. Butler, E. P. Lescure, Robt. McCulloch, Jacob Steiner, Richard Vaux, John McCloud, Wm. W. Thomson, Geo. H. Hart, Abraham West, Townd. Smith, Jno. Wagner, Gavin Watson, J. Thomas, M. Bouvier, Geo. K. Childs, Wm. Leach, D. C. Skerritt, Jas. E. Richardson.

With the approval of the Grand Lodge the R. W. G. Secty. appointed James E. Richardson, Deputy Grand Secretary.

General returns were received and read from the following Lodges which were on motion ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

Nos. 3, 9, 19, 25, 43, 59, 72, 115, 121, 125, 126, 134, 135, 138, 158, 186, 211, 219, 223, 231, 239.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Rules for the Gov-

ernment of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund were altered as follows:

In Article 2nd strike out the words "twenty one" and insert "twenty three."

In Article 3rd Section 2nd in the fourth line after the word "each" insert "the two odd members to be appointed by the President to serve one on each of the winter quarters."

The following report was received, read and on motion ordered to be spread on the Minutes, "viz.":

To the Rt. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Rt. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. for the three quarters ending June 30th, 1849.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges, Chapters & Encampments, dues & rent	$6,709 29
For dispensations & certificates	481 50
" new Warrants	405 00
" rent 3rd St. Hall	328 75
" rents, &c., Chestnut St. Hall	3,311 27
" new loan	2,800 00
" Penna. State loan	2,362 50
	$16,398 31

PAYMENTS.

For interest on Masonic L. & Debt	$1,682 72	
" do. " mortgage 3d St. Hall	730 00	
		$2,412 72
" expenses 3d St. Hall, gas	$168 87	
" do. incidentals	346 22	
" do. salaries	875 50	
		1,390 59
" do. Chestnut Street Hall		1,090 31
" debt paid Trustees Girard Bequest		900 00
" Penna. State loans		2,395 00
" Masonic loan		2,800 00
" Sinking Fund		2,800 00
		$13,788 62

Amount of receipts exceeding payments.....		$2,609 69
Bal. due by Grand Treasurer 30th Sept., 1848	$918 97	
Bal. due by Grand Treasurer 30th June, 1849	3,528 66	
		$2,609 69

Signed. GEORGE SMITH.
A. E. DOUGHERTY.

PHILADA., Septr. 3d, 1849.

An alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 121, was submitted and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

On motion of Bro. George Griscom and duly seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Peter Fritz for the faithful, impartial and able manner he has discharged the duties of the Chair, and for the profitable and useful lessons inculcated in his Addresses and Valedictory delivered this day and that he carry with him in his retirement from its labours the most hearty and sincere wishes of this Grand Lodge for his future health, prosperity and happiness, and whenever he shall be summoned from the Lodge here below, he may be enabled to gain admittance into that higher and better Lodge above "that Lodge not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be directed to present a copy of the foregoing to our late Grand Master Bro. Peter Fritz.

On motion of Bro. George Griscom the following resolution was also adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that R. W. Past Grand Master Peter Fritz be and he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish to the Grand Lodge for publication a copy of the able and most satisfactory address delivered by him this day, and also such parts of the excellent and instructive addresses given by him to the Lodges in his late Grand visitations as he shall deem fit.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

Lodge closed in peace and harmony at ¼ past twelve o'clock at noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4th, 1850, A. L. 5850.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Alexander Diamond, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Robert Frazer, D. G. Secy.
" Thomas Roney, S. G. Deacon.
" Joshua Speering, J. G. Deacon.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" John Sharp and Washington Heimberger, } G. Stewards.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 134, 155, 158, 187, 211. For names see the close of the Minutes.

Proxies, Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, J. A. Phillips, Wm. H. Adams, Jacob Steiner, Gustavus Remak, William Curtis.

Thirty one Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past six o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication held Decr. 3d, 1849, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication held Decr. 17th, 1849, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held Decr. 27th, 1849, were read and adopted.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 125, was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 148, was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A special return from Lodge No. 126, shewing the election of Bro. Robt. McCulloch as Secretary of said Lodge on Jany. 22d, 1850, was received, read and ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 144, at Lewisburg, Union County, Penna., appointing Gustavus Remak their proxy. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Gustavus Remak acknowledged proxy of said Lodge No. 144.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 235, held at Erie, Penna., appointing Bro. William Curtis their proxy.

On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was received and ordered to be filed and Brother William Curtis recognized as the proxy of Lodge No. 235, at Erie, Erie County, Penna.

A communication was received from Geo. B. Kerfoot shewing the revival and reconstitution of Lodge No. 156, at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Penna., on the 12th day of January, 1850. Which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A petition signed by a number of Brethren in Pittsburg was read asking for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Pittsburg and naming Bro. Alex. McCammon as first W. Master; Bro. Wm. J. Davit as first Sr. Warden, and Bro. Thomas Sargent as first Jr. Warden. Which was referred to the Grand Officers to make enquiries into the facts and report to the Grand Lodge.

A petition was received signed by seven of the old members asking for the revival of Lodge No. 192, at Bellefonte, Centre County. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following communication was read.

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned respectfully report:

That they made application in writing to Chester Lodge, No. 236, praying to become members of the Masonic Order and

that they have been informed that their application has been rejected by said Lodge for what cause they know not thereby placing them in a false position in society and injuring their character as men.

Your complainants consider injustice has been done them as they can appeal to the neighbourhood where they reside that hitherto their characters have been and are irreproachable, they therefore respectfully ask the G. L. to take their respective cases into consideration that justice may be done to them, by causing an order to be made to sd. Lodge No. 236 to receive the undersigned.

And they will in duty bound ever pray, &c.

Signed. —— ——.
—— ——.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Phillips it was *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 236 be empowered if it shall think proper so to do, to hold another ballot on the application of —— —— and —— —— for Initiation and Membership.

The following communication was received, read and ordered to be filed, viz.:

SPRING GARDEN, Mar. 1st, 1850.

To the R. W. G. M., G. O. and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN, The period for which I was to receive the rents of those stores in Chestnut Street having terminated I hasten to deliver to the Grand Lodge the improvement in good order according to the terms of my agreement and in doing so I beg to return my thanks to the Grand Lodge for the benefit it has been to me, and sincerely to wish it may long continue a source of profit to them, by being careful to collect the rents by the month, I have been so far successful as to lose but little, and if I might be permitted I would suggest that the same manner of collecting be continued. The stores are all tenanted and I think by permanent tenants.

I cannot forbear taking this occasion to heartily thank the Grand Officers for their kindness and good will towards me, and the facilities they have always afforded me, in carrying out my contract with the Grand Lodge. It is but proper to say that

I am perfectly satisfied with the profits of the undertaking and repeat the wish that the Grand Lodge may long continue to reap its share of the same.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

Signed. WM. S. SHULTZ.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was received & adopted, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 152 and after making the following corrections recommend their adoption, viz.:

Strike out of Article 8th, 15th and 16 line the words with the consent of the members present and in same article all after the words refunded to him. In article 12 strike out all after the word article in 11th line.

Insert in Article 13th line 10th the word *may* instead of the word shall stricken out. In Article 14th strike out under the pedestal of this Lodge and insert with the Lodge. In Article 15th strike out "By the Master" in line 7th and in same article 3d line from bottom strike out under the pedestal and insert with the Lodge.

Also the By-laws of Lodge No. 130. Strike out of Article 3d the word Elect. Insert in Article 4th the words except in the election of officers. Strike out of Article 5th the words a Majority of whom and insert which Committee. In same article strike out all after the words admit and commencing with transient. Strike out of Article 7th all after the words delinquent to the Lodge.

Also the By-laws of Lodge No. 236.

Strike out of Article 2nd all after the words "entitled to vote" and insert agreeably to the rules regulating the Election of G. Officers. Strike out of Article 7th the words unless the Lodge should otherwise determine.

Also Lodge No. 239 strike out the whole of section 12th. In Article 14th strike out all after the word dues in 4th line and insert, And in default of payment thereof or any part

thereof on or before the November meeting in each and every year, the member so in default may be suspended or expelled, provided he shall have previous notice of such deliquency and default.

Also that the amendments of Article II. and IV. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 121 be sanctioned and that the words "and if at any Election there should be an equality of votes the Master as in every other instance shall have the casting vote" in the said II. Article, be stricken out and the words "The election to be conducted according to the rules regulating the election of G. Officers" be inserted in their stead.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed. JAMES PAGE.
WILLIAM H. ADAMS.
ROBERT FRAZER.

The R. W. G. Master stated that the Grand Officers agreeably to the direction of the Grand Lodge had the resolutions which were passed on St. John's Day complimentary to Past G. Master Peter Fritz, handsomely copied and placed in a plain and neat gilt frame and presented to him.

The stores in front of the hall have been formally handed over to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Wm. S. Shultz and are now in the possession of the Grand Lodge and in the care of the Grand Officers. The rents commencing from the first day of March instant. The rent of the main building has been paid up to the first inst.

At the same time I regret to state to the Grand Lodge that suit has been commenced by Robinson and Stein against a portion of the Grand Officers, for some offence connected with the lease at present not fully known to the Grand Officers, to meet which they have been obliged to employ counsel.

The new Warrant applied for in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pa., has been granted and will be in successful operation in a very short time.

The adjoining piece of ground has not yet been conveyed to the Grand Lodge but hopes are entertained that it will be speedily adjusted.

The Grand Master further stated that he had been informed

from undoubted authority that Bro. John Robinson a P. M. of Lodge No. 3 had recently on several occasions as well in public houses as in omnibuses and in other places frequently heaped abuse upon, and had used language respecting the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge which was unjustifiable and unmasonic and that it had been the intention of the Grand Master not to have admitted the said Brother into the Grand Lodge, but in the hurry and confusion in admitting Brethren Bro. Robinson he observed was then in the room. The Grand Master further stated that in future he should direct the Tyler not to send Bro. Robinson's name into the Grand Lodge for admission until he had made a suitable apology for his extraordinary course of conduct.

The following report was read, "to wit":

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned to whom was referred the matter of compensating Bro. Geo. Griscom for services rendered by him in reconstituting Bristol Lodge and securing the title of house and lot for Masonic purposes.

Respectfully report, that after carefully examining the subject requested Bro. Griscom to name his own price which he did and made out a bill for $100.00 for which amount the Grand Master in December last drew his order on the Grand Treasurer for that amount.

The Grand Officers were of the opinion that the Bristol Lodge should have paid Bro. Griscom but on application they refused to do so in as much as they had not employed him.

The Grand Officers therefore recommend as Bristol Lodge is largely benefited by the arrangement the amount paid to Bro. Griscom should be refunded by them to the Grand Lodge. Therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that Bristol Lodge be charged one hundred dollars the extra expense incurred by the Grand Lodge in reconstituting said Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY. ALEXR. DIAMOND.
ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE. WILLIAM H. ADAMS.
JAMES HUTCHINSON.

On motion the report was adopted and at the request of Bro. John Thomson the resolution in the report was withdrawn and the following substituted, viz.:

Resolved, that Bristol Lodge is in Masonic faith indebted to this Grand Lodge the sum of $100 (the extra expense incurred in reconstituting said Lodge) and that she be charged with the same. This resolution was amended on a resolution of Bro. J. A. Phillips by striking out all after the words "said Lodge" to wit: "and that she be charged with the same." Adopted as amended. The resolution as amended and adopted reads as follows:

Resolved, that Bristol Lodge is in Masonic faith indebted to this Grand Lodge the sum of one hundred dollars the extra expense incurred in reconstituting said Lodge.

The following report was received and ordered to be filed, "viz.":

The Committee on Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the quarters ending respectively Septr. 30th and Dec. 31st, 1849.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges and Chapters....	$1,941 93		
" Hall Committee 3d St. Hall	296 00		
" G. Secy. for dispensations, certificates, &c.	217 00		
" Lodge, for Warrant	81 00		
		$2,536 86	
" Chestnut St. Hall, Sale Museum collection	$3,678 87		
Rents	1,756 25		
		5,435 12	
			$7,971 98

PAYMENTS.

For Interest on loans.....	$1,293 22	
" " " mortgages ...	530 00	
		$1,823 22

For Expenses 3d St. Hall, viz.:			
Gas	$94 48		
Taxes	278 10		
Printing	180 15		
Incidental expenses	53 64		
Coal	50 00		
Charcoal	8 40		
Stoves	39 00		
Visitations	21 50		
Jewels (Stewards)	8 00		
Collars, do.,	23 00		
Salaries:			
Grand Treasurer	100 00		
do. Secretary	400 00		
do. Tyler	93 25		
		$1,349 52	
For Expenses Chestnut St. Hall, viz.:			
" Taxes, &c.		779 17	
" Bro. Geo. Griscom for services		100 00	
			$4,051 91
			$3,920 07

The balance due by G. T. June 30th, 1849	$3,528 66
" do. do. " Decr. 31st, 1849	3,920 07
Balance due by G. T. Decr. 31st, 1849, is	$7,448 73

Signed. George Smith,
A. E. Dougherty,
Geo. H. Oliver,
Committee.

Philada., Feb. 13th, 1850.

The following communication from Lodge No. 153 was read and approved, "viz".:

Extract from the Minutes of Lodge No. 153, October 15th, 1849.

The resolution offered at the regular meeting of this Lodge on Monday the 20th day of August last providing for the change of the regular meeting of the Craft of the Lodge, from

third to the second Monday in each and every month was again read for the (third time) and unanimously passed.

The following report of the Committee of Correspondence was received and ordered to be filed, viz.:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that since their appointment there have been submitted to them through the R. W. G. Secretary printed accounts of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maine at an Annual Communication held May 3rd, 5849, of New Hampshire for the year 5848 & 9 and at their Annual Communication June 12th, 1849, of New York J. D. Willard, Grand Master from March 6th to June 11th, 5849, of the District of Columbia from May 1st to July 17th, 5849, of Kentucky, at an Annual Communication commencing Augt. 27th, 5849, of Illinois at an Annual Communication held Octor. 2d, 5849, (consisting of list of officers) and of South Carolina at a Quarterly Grand Communication Septr. 4th, 5849, and a Special Communication Nov. 1st, 5849. The former of these communications from South Carolina consists of a report of a Committee on the Grand Lodges of Louisiana and Mississippi, and the latter on the state of the controversy between the two bodies which claim to be the Grand Lodge of New York.

We have also received proceedings of the G. H. R. A. Chapter of North Carolina at an Annual Communication held June 4th, 5849, also a large pamphlet issued by the body in New York of which Isaac Phillips is stated as Grand Master entitled a Historical Narrative, &c., &c., relative to the difficulties between them and the other body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of New York, of which Jno. D. Willard is stated as Grand Master, and also a preamble and set of resolutions on the same subject adopted by St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New York, Sepr. 13th, 5849.

The contents of these communications are many of them, exceedingly interesting and evince, with one exception a most gratifying degree of Masonic prosperity, good feeling and zeal within the sphere of the respective Grand Lodges.

This exception relates of course to New York, on the subject of the difficulties there we have nothing at present to say,

except that we are impelled to the remark that the *profane vulgarity* of tone and language with which that controversy is carried on is strongly calculated to inspire the Brethren throughout the whole world with grief and astonishment, if not disgust, and will certainly tend strongly to deter the Fraternity in other jurisdictions, from that sympathy which might otherwise have their speedy and effectual mediation.

In the other communications before us although several points of general interest are presented, yet as they contain nothing especially demanding the attention of this Grand Lodge at the present time, we prefer to defer any remarks on them until a future occasion.

Signed. GEO. GRISCOM,
CHAS. J. HENNISS,
Com. on Correspondence.

PHIL., Mar. 4th, 5850.

The following resolutions (which were read immediately after the foregoing report) were ordered to be laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that during the recent proceedings in New York the Masonic Organization of which Bro. Willard is at the head maintained the true Masonic authority and rule and is the only one which this Grand Lodge can recognize.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate with the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of New York of which Bro. Willard is the present Grand Master, and none other.

On motion of the R. W. D. Grand Master A. Bournonville and duly seconded, the following resolution was offered, to wit:

Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed to whom shall be referred the difficulties of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The foregoing resolution was amended on motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips by adding to the Committee the Grand Officers. The resolution as amended and passed read as follows.

Resolved, that a Committee of Eleven be appointed, six of whom shall be the Grand Officers and five to be appointed by the Grand Master, who shall enquire into the difficulties exist-

ing in the Grand Lodge of New York and report the same to the Grand Lodge.

General returns were received and read from the following Lodges which on motion were ordered to be entered and filed, "viz.":

From Lodge No. 2, Philada; No. 43 at Lancaster; 51, 52, Philada.; 60, Brownsville; 62, at Reading; 67, Philada.; 71, Philada.; 75, Phœnixville; 91, Philada.; 106, Williamsport; 108, Towanda; 114, Philada.; 130, Philada.; 144, Lewisburg; 153, Waynesburg; 155, Philada.; 164, Washington, Pa.; 187, Philada.; 190, Norristown; 194, Selinsgrove; 197, Carlisle; 199, Lock Haven; 219, at Pittsburg; 221, Pittsburg; 222, Minersville; 224, Danville; 226, Lebanon; 227, Reading; 228, Uniontown; 229, Rochester; 230, Richmond; 231, Pittsburg; 232, Jersey Shore; 235, Erie; 236, at Chester; 238, Tamaqua.

On motion of Brother Washington Heimberger and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, "viz.":

Resolved, that the owners of the Washington House, Chestnut Street, be notified to have the windows looking from the building upon the Chestnut St. Hall property closed up.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Buckley, Davis.
"	3,	"	King, Thomson, Webb, Zorns, Robinson.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Leach, Rigg, Crow.
"	19,	"	Childs, Cummings, Thornley, Haines, Hodges, Wilson, Griscom, Bradley.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Whitney, Baggs.
"	52,	"	Patton, Pearson, Smith.
"	59,	"	Adams, Davenport.
"	67,	"	Hutchinson, Weeks, Laudenslager, Conrad, Reese, Jos. Hutchinson, Dunn, Baugh, Smith, Wagner, Simons.
"	71,	"	Golden, Frismuth, Smith, Parham, Hyneman, Meyers.
"	72,	"	Spering, Chase, Phillips, Molan, H. M. Phillips, Gibson.
"	91,	"	Henniss, Manning, Casey, Mustin, Swain.

No. 114, Bros. Steel, Benner, Sharp, Thomson, Baxter, O. Thompson, Bruner.
" 115, " Sickel, Diamond, Heimberger, Newcomb.
" 121, " Frazer, Mott, Levistien.
" 125, " Bournonville, Meyer, Remak, Steiner.
" 126, " Simpson, Page.
" 130, " Shultz, Lescure, Coryell, Riley, Barrett.
" 134, " Roney, Williamson, Stocker, Butler, Dusenberry, Klapp.
" 155, " Martin, Fritz, Helm, Wilkinson, Allen, Curtis.
" 158, " Shields, Oliver, Baird.
" 186, " Ziegler, Barrington.
" 187, " Wallace, Rittenhouse, Wilkinson, Loeser, Hitt.
" 190, " Fulforth.
" 211, " Davidson, Page, Cartwright, Dorlan, Wilson.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—The printed proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, Maryland, N. Carolina, Vermont, S. Carolina and Tennessee were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WM. H. ADAMS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15th, A. L. 5850.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" Alexander Diamond, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" A. M. Prevost, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James E. Richardson, R. W. D. G. Secy.
" C. C. Williams, S. G. D.
" Joshua Speering, J. G. D.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.

Bro. E. P. Lescure, Grand Sword Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
Bros. John Sharp, Washington Heimberger, G. Stewards.
Bro. Orson Douglass, G. Chaplain.
Bros. B. Newcomb, S. H. Perkins, James Page & P. Fritz, } P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Richardson, Maguire, Buckley, Graham, Davis.
"	3,	"	King, Thomson, English.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Leach, Riggs.
"	19,	"	Childs, Griscom, Heines, Haswell, Wilson, Cummings, Bradley, Thornly.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Baggs, Workman, Bouvier.
"	52,	"	Pearson.
"	59,	"	Neil, Adams.
"	67,	"	Reese, Laudenslager, Smith, Miller, Vanosten, Field, Wagner.
"	71,	"	Golden.
"	72,	"	Chase, Phillips, H. M. Phillips, West, Spering, Williams.
"	91,	"	Henniss, Manning, Perkins, Casey.
"	114,	"	Douglas, Thomson, Benner, Sharp, Krim, Steel, Baxter.
"	115,	"	A. E. Dougherty, Sharp, Sickel, Diamond.
"	121,	"	Prevost, Leviestien, Davis, Heimber, Mott, Vaux, Peterson, Foering.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Meyer, Remak.
"	126,	"	Page, McCulloch, Negus.
"	130,	"	Wm. S. Shultz, Lescure, Coryell.
"	134,	"	Williamson, Butler, Roney, Klapp, Butler.
"	155,	"	Fritz, Martin, Wm. Allen.
"	158,	"	Baird, McCulley.
"	186,	"	Ziegler, Barrington, Homer, Russell.
"	187,	"	Purvis, Wallace, Werthime, Hickey.
"	211,	"	Page, Cartwright, Dorlan, Hall.

Proxies, Wm. Whitney, A. E. Bournonville, Jno. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Gustavus Remak, English, J. A. Phillips, C. C. Williams, J. Page.

Thirty four Lodges represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee to whom the difficulties in the New York Grand Lodge was referred so that the Brethren in New York might be advised previous to the Annual Grand Communication in June next of the action of this Grand Lodge.

The following was then read, "viz.":

MASONIC HALL, SO. 3D ST.

PHILADA., April 4th, 5850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned who were appointed to enquire into the difficulties existing in the Grand Lodge of New York respectfully report,

That they have carefully discussed and fully considered the matter referred to them, and adopted the following preamble and resolutions which they respectfully submit for the consideration and approval of the Grand Lodge, "viz.":

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Grand Lodge the power of the Grand Master, clothed with the insignia of his high office, while sitting in open Grand Lodge is supreme, and no power can supersede him for the time being and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Grand Lodge the proceedings of those Brethren who were dissatisfied with the course of the Grand Lodge of New York on the 5th of June, 1849, was highly improper, mistaken and reprehensible. This Grand Lodge cannot but condemn their conduct as unmasonic, and if persisted in calculated to bring our ancient and beloved order into disrepute.

Therefore be it resolved, that it is with unfeigned regret that this Grand Lodge has learned the unhappy difficulties that exist amongst the Brethren of the Masonic Order of New York and we trust and hope that their good sense and well known Masonic principles will prompt them to heal their grievances amongst themselves and adopt such a course as will bring harmony and good order back amongst the Craft.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge recognize as the only Grand

Lodge of New York that of which the M. W. Jno. D. Willard is at present Grand Master and Rt. W. R. R. Boyd is at present Grand Secretary.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of the above resolutions to all the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, instructing them not to admit any visitors from New York except they have a legitimate Grand Lodge certificate.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY, JAMES HUTCHINSON,
ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, PETER FRITZ,
GEO. GRISCOM, CHAS. J. HENNISS,
ALEX. DIAMOND, WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
JNO. THOMSON,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. John Sharp and duly seconded, the following resolution was offered, "viz.":

Resolved, that the report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips and duly seconded, the following resolution was offered as an amendment and carried, "viz.":

Resolved, that the report be recommitted to the Committee with instructions to report the facts connected with the dispute in the Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion duly made a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 30th, 5850.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WM. WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.

Bro. Jas. Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Alex. Diamond, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Jas. E. Richardson, D. G. Secy.
" Thomas Roney, S. G. D.
" Joshua Speering, J. G. D.
" Washington Heimberger, G. Steward.
" Jno. G. Sharp, do.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" E. P. Lescure, G. Sword Bearer.
" G. P. Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" Wm. Barger, Peter Fritz, Jas. Page, B. Newcomb, S. H. Perkins, } P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Richardson, Graham, Buckley.
" 3, " Laughead, King, Ovenshine, Florence.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, Rigg, Clark.
" 19, " Wilson, Bishop, Cummings, Haswell, Griscom, Bradley.
" 25, " Benezett.
" 51, " Thomson, Workman, Whitney.
" 52, " Pearson, Smith.
" 59, " Adams, Davenport.
" 67, " Baugh, Jones, Conrad, Simpson, Reese, Jas. Hutchinson, Smith, Van Osten.
" 71, " Parham, Hyneman, Frismuth.
" 72, " Barger, Chase, Spering, Williams, Moore, H. M. Phillips, J. A. Phillips, Coleman, Thompson, Gibson.
" 91, " Casey, Perkins, Henniss.
" 114, " Benner, Thomson, Baxter, Steel, Sharp.
" 115, " Sickel, Diamond, Newcomb, Heimberger, Dougherty.
" 121, " Prevost, Vaux, Foering, Davis, Mott, Peterson.
" 125, " Buehler, Bournonville.
" 126, " Jackson, McCulloch, Page, Hesser, Simpson, Negus.
" 130, " Easby, Riley, Lescure, Coryell.

No. 134, Bros. Roney, Williamson.
" 155, " Fritz, Martin, Wilkinson.
" 158, " Baird, McCully.
" 186, " McIntire, Gaskill.
" 187, " McCahen, Purvis, Wallis.
" 211, " Cartwright, Page.

Proxies, Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, Jno. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. Barger, P. Fritz, Jas. Page, L. Hyneman, J. A. Phillips, James Simpson, Williams.

Thirty nine Lodges represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 7 O'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that at the previous Special Meeting the Committee on the New York business made a report which was referred back again to same Committee, and that the Committee are now prepared to make their report comprising a statement from both of the parties in New York which had been printed.

The following report was read, "viz":

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to which was referred the duty of enquiring into existing difficulties in the Grand Lodge of New York.

Respectfully report: That in its opinion this Grand Lodge has not the right, nor is it required by any principle of Masonic duty, to mingle in the domestic difficulties of sister Grand Lodges, and that the simple purpose to which the Committee is confined is the investigation of the occurrences which took place at the Annual Communication held June 5th, 1849, (and by which through riotous and unmasonic acts the authority of the Grand Master was assailed and attempted to be set at nought) with the view of determining which is the present Grand Lodge of New York. It has carefully considered and freely discussed the subject in that aspect, and with the view of enabling this Grand Lodge, to arrive at correct conclusions concerning the case and the action of the Committee, present herewith as part of this report pamphlets as marked A and B in which the statements of each party are fully set forth, believing that a better determination of the case can be had by taking them as they are, than by any abstract or condensation the Committee could

make. Pamphlets as marked A and B were then read and are now filed in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee also begs leave in fulfilment of its assigned duty respectfully to present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Grand Lodge the power of the Grand Master clothed with the insignia of his high office while sitting in open Grand Lodge is supreme and no power can supersede him for the time being and WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the proceedings of those Brethren who were dissatisfied with the course of the Grand Lodge of New York on the 5th of June, 1849, was highly improper, mistaken and reprehensible, this Grand Lodge cannot but condemn their conduct as unmasonic and if persisted in calculated to bring our ancient and beloved order into disrepute.

Therefore be it Resolved, that it is with unfeigned regret that this Grand Lodge has learned the unhappy difficulties that exist amongst the Brethren of the Masonic Order of New York and we trust and hope that their good sense and well known Masonic principles will prompt them to heal their grievances amongst themselves and adopt such a course as will bring harmony and good order back amongst the craft.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge recognize as the only Grand Lodge of New York that of which the M. W. Jno. D. Willard is at present Grand Master and Rt. W. R. R. Boyd is at present Grand Secretary.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of the above resolutions to all the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, instructing them not to admit any visitors from Lodges in New York except they have a legitimate Grand Lodge certificate.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. W. WHITNEY. ALEX. DIAMOND.
A. BOURNONVILLE. GEO. GRISCOM.
PETER FRITZ, CHAS. J. HENNISS
WM. H. ADAMS.

On motion of Bro. Leon Hyneman and seconded by Bro. J. A. Phillips the following resolution was offered and declared out of order by the Rt. W. Grand Master, "viz.":

Resolved, that all after the first paragraph of the report of the Committee be omitted and that said paragraph ending with the words Sister Grand Lodges be approved as the report of the Committee.

The following was offered by Bro. Alex. E. Dougherty, viz.:

Resolved, that the report of the Committee be accepted, filed and the Committee discharged and the resolutions be laid upon the table.

On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was divided so as to end at the words Committee discharged.

When on motion of Bro. R. Vaux the following was offered as an amendment to Bro. A. E. Dougherty's resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the consideration of the report of the Committee and the resolutions thereto attached be postponed.

Past G. Master Bro. P. Fritz then offered the following resolution which was lost, viz.:

Resolved, that the resolution offered by Bro. R. Vaux be postponed to take up the motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty.

The following was then offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley and adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, that the consideration of the resolution offered by Brother R. Vaux be postponed and the Grand Lodge now (adjourn) be closed.

The Grand Lodge then closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M., to meet on Monday next May 6th.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6th, 1850, A. L. 5850.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Extra Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WM. WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" J. S. Zornes, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.

Bro. James E. Richardson, Depy. G. Secy.
" Mathew Cartwright, S. G. Deacon.
" Joshua Spering, J. G. Deacon.
Bros. Washington Heimberger and John Sharp, G. Stewards.
Bro. William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" James Kelly, G. S. Bearer.
" John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
Bros. W. Barger & C. Page, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Richardson, Buckley, Graham.
"	3,	"	Herrigues, Wood, Zorns, Skerrett, Thomson, Martin, Florence, King, Webb.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Leach, Rigg, Crow.
"	19,	"	Wilson, Haswell, Childs, Bradley, Bishop, Reynolds.
"	25,	"	Benezett.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Bouvier, Thomson, Ashmead, Fisher, Baggs.
"	52,	"	Patton, Pearson, Smith.
"	59,	"	Adams.
"	67,	"	Jos. Hutchinson, Simpson, Field, Smith, Reese, Conrad, Laudenslager, Wagner, Jones.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Golden, Frismuth.
"	72,	"	Gibson, Spering, Barger, J. A. Phillips, Coleman, West, Peacock, Chase, Thompson, Williams.
"	91,	"	Casey.
"	114,	"	Sharp, Benner, Thomson, Krim, Steel, Bruner, Baxter, Krider.
"	115,	"	Hibbs, Sickel, Shultz, Dougherty, Heimberger.
"	121,	"	Vaux, Mott, Davis, Foering, Frazer, Leviestien.
"	125,	"	Smith, Buehler, Remak, Bournonville, Meyers.
"	126,	"	Page, McCulloch.
"	130,	"	Easby, Lescure, Amer, Clemens, Shultz, Coryell, Riley.
"	134,	"	Williamson, Stocker.
"	155,	"	Fritz, Collins.
"	158,	"	McCully, Ewing, Shields.

No. 143, Bros. Heyser.
" 186, " McIntire, Gaskell, Barrington, Stephens, Ziegler, Hufty.
" 187, " Purvis, Hickey, Werthyme, McCahen, Wallis.
" 211, " Davidson, Cartwright, Bennett, Page.
" 230, " Furlong, Cook.

Proxies, Bros. Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, Jno. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. Barger, J. Page, Jas. Simpson, J. A. Phillips, C. C. Williams, Gusts. Remak, Robt. McCulloch, Peter Fritz.

Forty one Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Master arose and stated, that he regretted exceedingly that he felt it incumbent on him to call the Brethren together again, at so early a period after the two protracted meetings which we had so recently held.

But deeming the matter of the extraordinary occurrences which have transpired in the Grand Lodge of New York, on the evening of June 5th, 1849, of great and vital importance to the interests of this Grand Lodge, as well as that, of the welfare of the craft in general, that he felt it to be his imperative duty to assemble together the members of this Grand Lodge once more, *with the strong and confident hope*, that they would at once act upon the matter and decide which was the legitimate Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as well as to make a final disposition of the resolutions appended to the report of the Committee to whom the subject matter had been referred at our last Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Master also stated that the "*causes*" which produced those riotous and unmasonic proceedings in the Grand Lodge of New York on the evening above mentioned, this Grand Lodge had nothing to do with. That it was alone with the extraordinary proceedings which occurred at that, and subsequent meetings upon which this Grand Lodge was now called to act and he begged the Brethren in their discussion to bear this fact in mind as if such *causes* were referred to in their discussion, he should feel it to be his bounden duty to rule it out of order.

The Grand Master also referred to the greatly increasing

prosperity of this Grand Lodge, both as regards its financial affairs as well as the number and respectability of its members, and those of the subordinate Lodges throughout the State, and it gives the Grand Master great pleasure to say that this prosperity, which we now enjoy, is in a great measure owing to the very wise and judicious measures recommended and his immediate predecessors and the other Grand Officers who were for the time being associated with them, who have filled the chair with so much credit to themselves and profit to the Grand Lodge, as well the Order in general throughout the State and he hoped, that in the discussion of the subject, which was again about to be brought before them it would be done in a feeling of Brotherly Love, and in that true Masonic spirit, which would not in the least mar its harmony, or endanger that prosperity which it now enjoys.

Thus if we are true to the Order, which we all profess to love and revere, and true to ourselves, and the interests of this Grand Lodge to which we belong, we shall in a few years see that debt which has been such a burthen to us during the last twenty years wholly extinguished and the Grand Lodge will then be enabled to reduce the dues of the subordinate Lodges to such a trifling, annual sum, that no one will have the least cause of complaint.

The Grand Master further stated that he would proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business, which was the resolution of Bro. Richard Vaux, viz.:

Resolved, that the consideration of the report of the Committee and the resolutions thereto attached be postponed.

When on motion of Brother Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded the following resolution was offered, to wit:

Resolved, that we take up for consideration the resolutions offered by the Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master directed the report and resolutions to be read which was done.

Which on motion of Bro. Alex. E. Dougherty and seconded by Bro. T. B. Florence the following resolution was offered as an amendment to Bro. Jos. S. Riley's resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the consideration of the resolutions be indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Master decided the foregoing out of order. Because a previous decision had been made on same and that the Grand Lodge this evening had voted down a similar resolution.

At this stage of the proceedings Past G. M. Bro. James Page offered a resolution to postpone the resolution, then before the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of introducing a preamble and resolution in reference to the same subject which he read.

But which, the Grand Master deciding the resolution to postpone to be out of order, were withdrawn by P. G. M. Bro. James Page.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was offered and lost, viz.:

Resolved, that the resolutions be adopted separately.

The resolutions of the Committee being then in order were read and lost.

On motion duly made and seconded a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past ten o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3rd, 5850.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. A. BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M., P. T.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M., P. T.
" Alexander Diamond, R. W. S. G. W., P. T.
" A. M. Prevost, R. W. J. G. W., P. T.
" William Leach, G. Sword Bearer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James E. Richardson, D. G. Secy.
" Tobias Buehler, S. G. Deacon.
" James Kelly, J. G. Deacon.
" John G. Sharp & W. Heimberger, G. Stewards.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.

Bro. William Leach, G. S. Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant..
" Orson Douglass & John Chambers, } G. Chaplains.
" W. Barger, James Page, J. Randall, S. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb & Peter Fritz, } P. G. M.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Richardson, Buckley.
" 3, " Thomson, Carter.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, Crow.
" 19, " Cummings, Thornly, Wilson, Reynolds, Randall, Childs, Bishop, Griscom, Hodges.
" 25, " Benezett, Scott, Keim, Downing.
" 51, " Thomson, Workman, Bouvier, Baggs.
" 52, " Pearson, Smith.
" 59, " Adams, Neil.
" 67, " Weeks, Hutchinson, Smith, Conrad, Reese, Jones.
" 71, " Jackson, Meyers.
" 72, " Coleman, West, J. A. & H. M. Phillips, Williams, Thomson, Spering, Chase, Gibson, Ellis, Barger.
" 91, " Casey, Hart, Manning, Perkins.
" 81, " Smith, Smith, Dickinson, Snyder.
" 114, " Sharp, Bruner, Baxter, Thompson, Thomson.
" 115, " Diamond, Heimberger, A. E. Dougherty, Sickel.
" 121, " Frazer, Davis, Peterson, Vaux, Leviestien, Foering.
" 125, " Remak, Meyer, Bournonville, Buehler.
" 126, " Page, McCulloch.
" 130, " Shultz, Amer, Coryell, Lescure, Easby.
" 134, " Williamson, Klapp, Pettitt, Stocker.
" 155, " Fritz, Martin, Allen.
" 158, " Julius, McCully, Jones, Baird, Shields, Jones.
" 186, " Gaskell, Ziegler, Barrington.
" 187, " Hickey, Wallis, Purvis.
" 211, " Ristine, Davidson, Cartwright, Page.

No. 226, Bros. Weidle, Weidman.
" 230, " Taylor.

Proxies, Bros. Bournonville, Thomson, Adams (3), Barger, Page, Fritz, J. A. Phillips, Williams, Vaux, Jno. Page.

Forty two Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in due form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of March 4th, 5850, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of April 15th, 5850, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of April 30th, 5850, were read and approved.

The Minutes of May 6th, 5850, were read and approved.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 229, held at Bridge Water, Beaver County, Penna., appointing Bro. John Page a P. M. of Kensington Lodge, No. 211. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. John Page recognized as proxy to Lodge No. 229.

A similar communication was received from Lodge No. 240, at Montrose, Susquehanna County, appointing Wm. Curtis a P. M. of Lodge No. 155 their proxy, for one year from the 25th of Decr., 1849. Which was on motion ordered to be filed and Bro. Wm. Curtis recognized as proxy of said Lodge.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges No. 51, 71, 155, 197 and 242 as well alterations to the By-laws of Lodges No. 138 and 148, 134.

The alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 134 were adopted, viz.:

Substitute for Article XIV.

When a member's dues shall amount to four dollars, he shall be notified of the same by the Secretary, and if within one month after such notice, his dues are not paid, he may, by a vote of the Lodge be suspended or expelled, of which fact he shall be notified by the Secretary.

The following communication was received and read and the prayer of the petitioner granted, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents, that he was a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 172, which said Lodge was suspended for non payment of dues and there-

fore prays that he may be restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry and he will ever pray, &c.

Signed. —— ——.

We the Officers of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, beg leave most respectfully to recommend the above petitioner, as a worthy and respectable Brother, who was regularly E. P. and Raised in Lodge No. 172 which has been suspended as above.

Signed. Jacob Weidle, W. M.
John Weidman, Sr. W.
Saml. Behm, Jr. W.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 67 in relation to —— —— who had been initiated and crafted in said Lodge in 1849, and who had been E., P. and Raised in Lodge No. 2 in the year 1839 and suspended from said Lodge in the year 1840.

At an interview with a Committee from No. 67 he stated that he was under the impression that it was his only course to pursue in order again to become a Mason and that it was through ignorance of the customs of the Order that he applied to this Lodge for initiation and entirely disclaimed any intention of imposing himself on the Order. He further stated that he intends to tender Lodge No. 2 the amount due them at the time of his suspension and apply to be reinstated in that Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from Bros. D. B. Marshall, C. Zimmerman, D. Stanly Gloninger, Henry G. Clark, Cyrus Carmony, Jonathan S. Beckley and C. D. Gloninger, members of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, in relation to the blackballing of two applicants to said Lodge and their being afterwards E. P. and Raised by Dispensation granted by the District Deputy Grand Master, B. Park. A number of papers accompanied the above communication all of which were on motion referred to a special Committee of Three. When the R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Jos. S. Riley, Alex. E. Dougherty and E. P. Lescure said Committee.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to a Special Committee of Three.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

GENTLEMEN, The undersigned respectfully represents that he was lately an applicant for Initiation and Membership in Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, and that his application for the same was rejected. Being conscious that there is no good reason for his exclusion, he prays your Honourable Body to refer the subject to a Committee of Inquiry, so that if the facts of the case warrant the same he may be allowed to again petition Lodge No. 114 or any other city Lodge he may see proper.

He further states that he has given Lodge No. 114 the requisite notice of this his intended appeal.

Signed. —— ——.

PHILA., May 26th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Wm. Barger, P. G. M., Mathew Cartwright and R. R. Hodges, Committee.

The following communication was received and read, "viz.":

PHILADA., April 15th, 1850.

RIGHT W. SIR AND BRO. We the undersigned officers and members of the Masonic Ball held on the 25th of March last, at the Musical Fund Hall, herewith present you an account in detail of all the receipts and expenditures together with a balance of $501.40 which balance they respectfully, as well as cordially, tender to you as the principal officer of the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. to be added to the Charity Fund of said Grand Lodge for the relief of the female relatives and orphans of deceased Brethren.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours, &c., &c.,

Signed. JOHN THORNLY, *President.*
GEO. D. HASWELL, *Treasurer.*
WM. LITTLE, *Secretary.*

To Wm. Whitney, Esqr., Right W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

After some little discussion it was on motion *resolved*, that the communication be received and the money paid to the Trustees of the Charity Fund agreeably to the request of the Committee.

The following report was received and read and referred back to the Grand Officers to report the facts.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned Committee to whom was referred the application for the revival of Lodge No. 192, at Bellefonte, Centre County, Penna.

Respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the matter and that in as much as a similar application from the same applicants has already been decided in the negative by a resolution of the Grand Lodge at a former Grand Communication, and inasmuch as there has not since that time come to the knowledge of your Committee any information tending to alter the discussion already given therefore recommend the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, "viz.":

Resolved, that in as much as this Lodge has not made any returns since 1829 and has not complied with the regulations of the Grand Lodge that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. A. Bournonville, Jas. Hutchinson,
John Thomson, Alex. Diamond,
Wm. H. Adams,
Committee.

On motion a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, July 1st, 1850, A. L. 5850.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. A. Bournonville, R. W. G. Master, p. t.
" Alex. Diamond, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" Tobias Buehler, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.

Bro. John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James Kelly, Dep. G. Secy., p. t.
" John S. Benezett, S. G. Deacon.
" John Bradley, J. G. Deacon.
" John Sharp & W. Heimberger, G. Stewards.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" G. P. Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" William Leach, G. S. Bearer.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bro. Buckley.
" 3, Bros. Thomson, Zorns.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, Rigg.
" 19, " Wilson, Bradley, Cummings.
" 25, " Benezett.
" 51, " Thomson, Workman.
" 52, " Pearson.
" 59, " Adams.
" 67, " Smith, Hutchinson, Jos.
" 71, " Jackson, Meyers.
" 72, " Coleman & Thompson.
" 114, " Sharp, Krider, Bruner, Baxter.
" 115, " Sickel, Diamond, Mann, Dougherty.
" 121.
" 125, " Bournonville, Buehler, Holzinger.
" 126, " McCulloch, Page.
" 130, " Riley, Lescure.
" 134, " Williamson.
" 155, " Martin.
" 158, " Shields, Baird.
" 186, " Hastings.
" 187, " Purvis, Hickey, Wallis.
" 211, " Page, Davidson, Cartwright.

Proxies, Bros. Bournonville, Thomson, Wm. H. Adams.

Twenty seven Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in due form at ¼ to 8 o'clock, P. M.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, asking assistance for the erection of a hall

in Washington, the consideration of which was postponed until the Quarterly Communication in September next.

A communication was received in relation to the following resolution which was passed at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in March last, viz.:

Resolved, that Bristol Lodge is in Masonic faith indebted to this Grand Lodge the sum of one hundred dollars the extra expense incurred in reconstituting the said Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the resolution so passed was rescinded.

An application for a new Lodge in Doylestown, Bucks County, was read. Signed by Brothers Wm. Carr, Stephen Brock, Abm. Morris, Josiah Rich, C. E. Wright, J. W. Frey, Jonas Ott and Jno. McIntosh and recommended by the Norristown Lodge, No. 190. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received for a new Lodge in Kensington, signed by Bros. Jno. S. Langer, Henry S. Patterson, Leon Hyneman, Jno. G. Michner, C. I. Shardy, James L. Watson & Wm. H. Witte. The officers named H. S. Patterson, W. M.; Jno. G. Michner, Sr. W.; W. H. Witte, Jr. W. Recommended by a number of the Brethren and Kensington Lodge, No. 211.

An application for a new Lodge in Mansfield, Tioga County, was read, signed by Bros. J. N. Wright, Z. Butts, John Lownsberry, Thomas Mantor, Oliver H. Philips, Daniel Sherwood. Officers names Josiah N. Wright, Wm. M. Zorin Butts, Sr. W., Thomas Mantor, Jr. W. Recommended by Towanda Lodge, No. 108, and a number of Brethren.

An application for a new Lodge at Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, Penna., numerously signed and nominating the first officers as follows: Jno. V. Smith to be the first W. M.; Alfred Hine to be the first Sr. W. & Thomas Morley to be the first Jr. W. Recommended by Lodge No. 233 and a number of Brethren.

An application signed by a number of Brethren for a new Lodge in Carbondale, Luzerne County, Penna., was read naming the first officers as follows: Judson W. Burnham the W. M.; Robt. Maxwell the Sr. W.; John G. Muny, Jr. W. Recommended by Lodge No. 218 and a number of Brethren.

An application signed by a number of Brethren was read asking for a new Lodge in Sharon, Mercer County, Penna., and naming Bro. Jas. Campbell, W. M.; Bro. Jas. McMallin, Sr. W., and Bro. J. M. Ironn, Jr. W. Recommended by Lodge No. 243, and a number of Brethren.

All of which applications were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received and read for the revival of the late Lodge number 123, at York, Penna., which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers and report to the Grand Lodge the facts in the case.

The following report was received and read, viz.:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received since the third of March, 1849, the date of their last report from interest and dividends on investments of the Bequest the sum of $2,040 88

From the sale of three shares of the stock of Kensington Bk., sold by direction of the R. W. G. Lodge, nett proceeds	181 50
And from the sale of 102 shares of the stock of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, sold by direction of the G. L.	6,056 25
And the principal of the loan to the G. L. by the Bequest in 1833 paid off by the R. W. G. L. since last report	6,000 00
Add balance in the bank to the credit of Bequest at date of last report	2,072 73
Making a total say.....	$16,351 36

Of the above sum there has been invested in 70 certificates of Masonic loan.....	$7,105 00	
And in the loans of the District of S. Garden and Kensington the sum of.....	6,036 25	
Paid on orders of the R. W. G. M. for the use of the Committees	2,125 00	
Cash in bank to credit of the Bequest...	1,085 11	
		$16,351 36

The above statement shews since the last report a large amount of the investments have been changed.

This has been owing in part to the prosperous condition of the finances of the G. Lodge by which she has been able to pay off a debt of $6000, due the Bequest since 1833, and in part by a sale of all the bank stock owned by the Girard Bequest agreeably to the instructions of the Grand Lodge.

The whole amount invested since the last report is..$13,141 25

Derived from the following sources, to wit:

Part of the principal of certificate of Masonic debt $3964.16 which had been paid off and was waiting reinvestment at date of last report.....	$900 00	
Proceeds of bank stock sold by direction of the G. L.....	6,237 75	
Masonic debt of 1833 pd. off.....	6,000 00	
Invested from income	3 50	
		$13,141 25

The funds of the trust are invested as follows, to wit:

$1,085.11	Cash in F. and M. Bank credit of the Fund.
254	Shares Masonic loans.
3,000	do. United States 6 per cts.
776.32	State 5's.
19.41	Certificate of 6 per ct. State stock reced. for dividend Augt. 1st, 1842.
4,000	6 per ct. loan of the District of Kensington certificate No. 59.
2,500	6 per ct. loan of the District of Spring Garden.

The investments are all at six per cent. except the small sum in State 5s, and are all believed to be perfectly safe.

The Trustees are of the opinion that the R. W. G. Lodge can safely appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1st, 1851.

The receipts of the Bequest since the date of the last report

March 3d, 1849, have been as follows and from the following sources, to wit:

1849,	Mar.	16,	Proceeds of 3 shares Kensington Bk. stock sold at 60½.....	$181 50
"	"	19,	Proceeds of 102 shares F. and M. Bk. stock at 59⅜.....	6,056 25
"	July	2nd,	Dividend on 255 shares 6 per cent. M. loans	765 00
"	"	"	Dividend on 60 shs. 5 p. ct. M. loan	150 00
"	"	3,	6 mos. int. on $3000 U. S. 6s....	90 00
1850,	Jany.	1,	Loan to G. L. in 1833 paid off...	6,000 00
"	"	"	Int. on above loan for six mos. at 5 per cent.	150 00
"	"	"	Dividend on 254 shares 6 per ct. M. L.....$762 00 Less over payment last divd. 3 00	759 00
"	"	2,	6 mos. int. on $3000 U. S. 6's...	90 00
"	Mar.	2,	6 do. do. " 776.72 State 5s. for Augt., 1849.....	18 44
"	Mar.	2,	6 mos. int. for 1st ult.....	18 44
				$14,278 63
Add cash in F. and M. Bank to credit of Bequest at date of last report.....				2,072 73
Making a total of				$16,351 36

Of the above sum there has been invested:

1849,	Apl.	3,	In 70 certificates of M. loan....	$7,105 00
"	"	23,	Cash paid on order of the Rt. W. G. M. for Girard Charity Comee.	325 00
"	June	29,	do. do. do.	325 00
"	Octo.	9,	do. do. do.	525 00
1850,	Jany.	19,	do. do. do.	625 00

1850, Jany. 19,	$4000 Kensington loan	$3,680 00
" " "	$2500 Spring G. 6's 94¼.....	2,356 25
" May 16,	Cash paid on order of the Rt. W. G. Master for use Girard C. Com.	325 00
		$15,266 25
Balance in F. and M. Bank to credit of Bequest...		$1,085 11

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MAY 24th, 1850.

Signed. SAML. H. PERKINS, WM. BARGER,
S. BADGER, PETER WILLIAMSON,
Trustees.

The foregoing report was received and directed to be handed to the Committee of Finance.

On motion duly made and seconded, eighteen hundred dollars were appropriated for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was received and ordered to be filed, viz.:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments of the R. W. Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending 31st of March, 1850.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges, Chapters, &c., for rent and dues	$3,423 67	
For New Warrants	162 00	
" Rents, &c., Chestnut St. Hall.....	1,148 25	
" Dispensations, certificates	191 00	
		$4,924 92

PAYMENTS.

For Interest			$1,344 97	
" Sinking Fund			7,835 00	
Expenses 3d St. Hall, viz.:				
" Advertising		$4 63		
" Water rent		10 00		
" Complimentary resolution P. G. M., Peter Fritz		16 50		
" Repairs		22 85		
" Gas		85 07		
" Candles		14 85		
Salaries, G. Treasurer	$50 00			
G. Secy.	200 00			
G. Tyler	43 00			
		293 00		
			466 90	
Expenses, Chestnut St. Hall, viz.:				
Water rent		$15 00		
Watching		10 00		
Sheriff		1 00		
			26 00	
				9,652 87
Amount of payments exceeding receipts				$4,727 95
" due by G. T., 31st Decr., 1849			$7,448 73	
" due by G. T., 31st June, 1850			2,720 78	
				$4,727 95

Signed. JOS. S. RILEY, GEO. SMITH AND GEO. H. OLIVER.

JUNE 3d, 1850.

The following report was received and adopted, "viz.":

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition for a new Warrant at Pittsburg, respectfully begs leave to report.

Having carefully examined several papers connected with the petition have unanimously come to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners for the following reasons, viz.:

First, Because of the irregularity of the petition, the W. M.'s name having been erased and another name entered after the petition had been recommended.

Second, Several of the applicants having changed their views on the subject since signing the application.

Third, The R. W. D. D. G. Master objecting to the Constituting another Lodge in Pittsburg at present, as in his opinion it would be injurious to the interest of Lodges already constituted there.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted.

And signed by

Bros. Wm. Whitney, Anthony Bournonville,
James Hutchinson, Alexander Diamond,
Jno. Thomson and Wm. H. Adams,

Com.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted.

To the R. W. the G. L. in and for the Commonwealth of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they would recommend that the last clause of the 1st Article of the By-laws of Lodge No. 51 reading as follows: "If the business of the Lodge will permit the stated meetings in June, July and August may be omitted" be stricken out, as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge declares that a Lodge should assemble for work at least once in every calendar month.

That in Article 2nd the clause "A majority of the whole number of votes given shall be requisite for a choice, except when

the whole number of votes so given shall be equally divided between two candidates, in which case the Master shall have the casting vote" be stricken out, the first portion being a mere reenactment of and the latter in opposition to, that clause of the Constitution which provides that the election in subordinate Lodges shall be conducted according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers."

That in Article 3rd the clauses "to one of whom he shall be personally known" and when if a majority report in his favour" be stricken out and for the latter clause the following from the Ahiman Rezon substituted "who reporting favourably."

That Section 3rd Article 5th providing that a member in arrears shall not be entitled to a vote at an election, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge, which vote shall not effect a remission of dues be stricken out and the following substituted, A member must have paid his dues to be entitled to vote at an election for officers, unless the same be remitted by the Lodge.

That Section 4th of the same Article be also stricken out and the following substituted, A member owing twelve months' dues may be suspended or expelled.

That Article 8th & the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sections of Article 9th be stricken out, as in the opinion of the Committee the matter treated of had much better be regulated by a resolution of the Lodge.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 71 be approved.

That in the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 138 the words "and at the expiration of his term of office as Treasurer, or whenever required by the Lodge, that he will deliver over and pay to his successor in office or other person who may be by the Lodge authorized to receive the same all monies or other property together with the books and belongings to the said office" be stricken out and the following substituted "and whenever called upon by order of the Master or the Lodge will produce his books and vouchers for examination and at the expiration of his term of office as Treasurer, will deliver over and pay to his successor all monies or other property together with the books, &c., belonging to the said office."

That in the By-laws of Lodge No. 155 the clause fixing the hours of meeting be stricken out and the following be substi-

tuted. The hour of meeting shall be six o'c., P. M., from the 25th of Septr. to the 25th of March and 7 o'c., P. M., from the 25th of March to the 25th of Septr. both included.

That in Article 5th the words "previous to the adjournment be stricken out.

That in Article 7th the words "he may be deprived of his membership until all arrearages are paid or remitted be stricken out, and the words "he may be suspended or expelled" be substituted.

That Article 9th be stricken out and the following substituted "The initiation fee shall be thirty dollars, five of which must be paid upon the presentation of the petition, to be returned to the applicant should he be rejected.

That in the last clause of the 17th Article requiring the approval of two thirds of the members present in order to annul or alter the By-laws "The words two thirds be stricken out and the word majority substituted, as it is by a simple majority that all questions in Masonry are decided.

That in the amendment of the By-laws of Lodge No. 148 relating to the election of Officers and that the words "or hold an office be stricken out, and the eligibility to office" be substituted and also that the clause "the Master in all cases shall have the casting vote upon an equality of members should he think proper to avail himself of the privilege" be stricken out as being in opposition to the Constitution.

That in the By-laws of No. 197 the 3rd By-law which is in these words, "In case of the death of the Treasurer or Secretary or the suspension or expulsion, resignation or removal out of the bounds of the Lodge of either of them, the Lodge may at any subsequent stated meeting elect another to supply the office until the next stated election" be stricken out.

In any such case the W. Master may at each meeting appoint a Brother to fill such office *pro tem.*, or application must be made to the R. W. G. Master for his dispensation to hold an election.

That By-law 6th which reads as follows: "The Tyler shall see that all things in his presence are conducted in a Masonic manner. He shall be exempt from dues, and shall receive fifty cents for every meeting at which he Tyles. It shall be the duty of the Tyler to serve all notices for special meetings, for

which service he shall receive a compensation of fifty cents" be stricken out and the following substituted, The Tyler shall receive fifty cents for each meeting and if a member be exempt from dues, it shall be his duty to serve all notices for special meetings, for which he shall receive the additional compensation of fifty cents for each such meeting.

That the word "refreshment" be stricken out of the 7th By-law; all such matters should be regulated by resolution of the Lodge and not appear on the printed By-laws.

That the first three items for fees in By-law 10 be stricken out and in place thereof the words "For initiation twenty dollars" be substituted.

That By-law 16 intended to regulate the manner of suspending or expelling a member be stricken out. The subject of admission and expulsion or suspension of members is, in the opinion of the Committee, of too great importance to the Craft in general to be legislated upon by subordinate Lodges. There are provisions regulating it in the Constitution, which if not sufficiently explicit should be altered or amended.

That in the 18th By-law, in the clause "he *shall* be expelled or suspended" the word *may* be substituted for shall.

The Committee would draw the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge to the report of the Committee on the By-laws of Lodge No. 197 in which they say.

"That they conceive it unnecessary and uncalled for on the part of a subordinate Lodge to enact as By-laws those things which are already bending upon it from being a part of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. For as the Grand Lodge cannot annul them so their reenactment by the Lodge can give them no greater efficacy, and they recommend to their Lodge that those parts of the Ahiman Rezon treating of subordinate Lodge be printed in the same book with their By-laws, but for what they really are Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and not as By-laws which should be confined to those matters not treated of in the Rules and Regulations."

If this plan were more generally adopted by the Lodges, it would much conduce to an uniformity of laws, and tend to diminish the difficulty and confusion arising from the mistaken views entertained by Brethren in regard to the relative rights and powers of the Grand and subordinate Lodges.

This Committee would further recommend that all after the words from 25th of March to 25th of Septr. in the first Section of the By-laws of Lodge No. 342 be stricken out, the part thus stricken out provides for extending the working hours beyond those fixed by the rules of Masonry. A Lodge may doubtless continue after these hours to complete unfinished work, but to permit a Lodge by its By-laws to extend its working hours, might be construed to permit the introduction of new business after the time fixed by our rules.

That in Section 11 all after the words "at least two years to come" be stricken out, this portion provides for striking off the name of a member and is unconstitutional.

That Section 13 be stricken out and the following substituted, "No Brother shall speak more than twice to the same motion (unless to explain himself) without special permission from the Lodge." All of the article proposed to be stricken out, with the exception of so much as is contained in the substitute, is in restraint of the power of the W. M. to regulate the order of business and decide points of order, or in contravention to the laws of Masonry.

That in Section 15 the word "may" be substituted for shall.

That all after the words "at least once a year" in the 17th Section, providing for the striking off the name of a member be stricken out and the words "or in default thereof he may be suspended or expelled" be substituted.

That Section 18 be stricken out, it being a provision for the expulsion of members, different from, and opposed to those of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

A document endorsed "By-laws of Herman Lodge, No. 125" but written in the German language has been referred to this Committee, but as they are unskilled in that language they are unable to report upon its contents. They are of opinion that a copy of By-laws in the English language of every subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, should be deposited among its archives, they therefore suggest the following resolution.

Resolved, that the By-laws of Herman Lodge, No. 125, be referred back to that Lodge with directions that they furnish a copy thereof to this Grand Lodge, with a correct English

translation, the translation of each article being placed opposite to its German original.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES PAGE,
WM. H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

The following communication from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read and the request and alterations asked for therein granted.

PHIL., June 10th, 1850.

Stated meeting of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

On motion of Bro. E. P. Lescure and duly seconded, by Bro. E. H. Butler the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Lodge be requested to grant authority to the Stewards of the S. G. C. Fund to make such alterations in the By-laws, for the government of the Stewards as to enable them to fix the hour of meeting of the Board and also determine the number that shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and also to meet on its own adjustment.

Extract from the Minutes of the Stewards of the S. G. C. Fund.

WM. H. ADAMS, *Secretary.* RICHD. VAUX, *President.*

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 227 changing their night of meeting which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The following report was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was laid over to the Quarterly Communication in September.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNA.,
JULY 1st, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850.

To the R. W. Grand Master.

DEAR SIR, The Committee to whom you referred certain transactions of District Deputy Grand Master, Benjn. Park and Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226.

Find by the papers referred to them that at the stated meeting of that Lodge held on the 27th March last, two petitioners for the benefits of the Order were rejected, one by two and the other by four ballots.

Motions for a reballot were immediately made in each case, which of course lies over until the next stated meeting.

On the 28th March the officers of the Lodge addressed a communication to Benjn. Park, Esqr., D. D. G. Master, relating at large what had taken place in their Lodge the night previous and that it was their belief that a conspiracy was formed against these two young gentlemen, and that motions had been made in each case to have a reballot. But one of the applicants being on the eve of departing for the western country, could not wait the results of these formal proceedings. They asked the D. D. Grand Master if there was any way whereby the candidates could receive the benefits, without waiting the issue of these proceedings.

They vouching for their good moral character and standing as men to be equal to that of any young men in the county.

They were informed by the D. D. G. Master that there was nothing to prevent him from granting a dispensation, upon proper application being made, which application was made and the dispensation accordingly granted, and the two applicants were E. P. and Raised at a special meeting of said Lodge convened on the third day of April.

While your Committee frankly express their belief that the parties concerned acted from proper motives, they with equal frankness declare they acted erroneously and as your Committee conceive without a clear knowledge of the rules and obligations that govern such cases.

In taking any summary means to override the proceedings then in progress of accomplishment before the Lodge.

A just sense of propriety should have restrained these officers from instituting any other proceedings while the first were undecided, or had even arrived at a period where they could be taken up for consideration.

Your Committee deeply regret the restless and fervent spirit which seems to prevail among a portion of our Brethren at the present time, there appears to exist a willing recklessness and impatience which impels them to overreach all the ordinary

means for soberly accomplishing the same end by the well settled means long known and honoured among Masons.

Your Committee recommend that in future the same proceedings take place to ascertain the approbation of the members of a Lodge upon a dispensation that universally takes place to ascertain the same upon the report of a committee, in the case of a petitioning candidate, for in both cases the chief object should be to protect the Order from the introduction of improper persons.

Your Committee conceive if the practice will admit of any relaxing that it would be less dangerous in the case of a petitioning candidate for then all the members have one month's notice, with the additional protection of a committee of three members especially appointed to make the necessary enquiries and make report in writing to which their signatures are attached.

Therefore resolved, that in future the approbation of the members of a subordinate Lodge to a dispensation be ascertained by ballot as in the case of a petitioning candidate.

Resolved, that all the proceedings of the officers of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, D. D. G. Master, B. Park, Esqr., and the proceedings of said Lodge, so far as the same relates to the petitioning for and granting of the dispensation and the E. P. and R. of —— —— and —— —— were irregular and improper under the circumstances of the case, but nevertheless as Bros. —— and —— were E. P. and Raised by virtue of a dispensation granted in good faith by the R. W. G. Master, they be recognized as Masons in good standing.

Resolved, that your Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the case.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your obt. servants.

Signed. Jos. S. Riley,
A. E. Dougherty,
E. P. Lescure,
Committee.

Printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.:

G. Lodge of Massachusetts, Dist. of Columbia, Wisconsin, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, New York and New Jersey.

A communication was read from Bro. Wm. T. Lacock asking for assistance to a Masonic College in the State of Kentucky. Which was on motion referred to the Committee of Finance.

Printed communications were received from Grand Lodges in New York and California and on motion were referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening when the Grand Lodge closed in peace at half past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, July 22d, 5850.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" A. M. Prevost, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Mathew Cartwright, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Joshua Spering, S. G. Deacon.
" John Bradley, R. W. J. G. Deacon.
" John Sharp & Robert Frazer, G. Stewards.
" James Kelly, G. S. Bearer.
" G. P. Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" Perkins, Barger & Fritz, P. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Buckley, Davis, Graham.
" 3, " Thomson, Martin.
" 9, " Leach, Riggs, Kelly, McMullin.
" 19, " Thornly, Haswell, Griscom, Hines, Childs, Wilson, Bradley, Cummings.

No. 25, Bros. Benezett.
" 45, " McCammon.
" 51, " Thomson, Whitney.
" 52, " Pearson.
" 59, " Neil, Adams.
" 67, " Jones, Miller, Smith.
" 71, " Vancollum, Jackson, Frismuth, Golden.
" 91, " West, Coleman, Spering, Thompson.
" 114, " Casey, Perkins.
" 115, " Sickel.
" 121, " Frazer, Prevost.
" 125, " Bournonville.
" 130, " Shultz, Lescure, Amer, Coryell.
" 126, " Negus.
" 134, " Klapp, Mitchell, Williamson.
" 158, " Jones.
" 155, " Allen, Martin, Fritz.
" 186, " Barrington, Gaskill.
" 187, " McCahn, Purvis.
" 211, " Cartwright, Davidson, Wallis.
" 190, " Fulforth.

Proxies, Bros. Whitney, Bournonville, Thomson, Adams, Barger, Fritz.

Thirty four Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. G. Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge in consequence of having received a communication from the City Councils requesting the Grand Lodge to participate in the funeral ceremonies in honor of Zachary Taylor late President of the United States and desired the Grand Secretary to read the said communication.

PHILADA., July 17th, 1856.

Wm. Whitney, Esqr., R. W. G. M. of the G. Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

DEAR SIR, I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee of Arrangement appointed on the 14th inst. by the Select and Common

Councils of the City of Philada. and request your attention thereto.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servant,

EDMD. WILCOX,
Secy. to Committee.

The daily papers will at an early period give notice of the day fixed for the solemnities.

The resolution referred to above read as follows:

Resolved, that the Masonic Lodges of the State of Penna. be invited to join in the solemnities contemplated in honor of the late lamented Genl. Zachary Taylor, President of the United States.

Extract from the Minutes.

Signed. EDMUND WILCOX,
Secy. of Committee.

JULY 17th, 1850.

On motion of P. G. Master, Bro. Saml. H. Perkins, and duly seconded it was *Resolved,* that the R. W. G. Master be requested to respectfully decline the invitation.

On motion duly made and seconded a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at a ¼ to 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, September 2nd, 5850.

Grand Lodge of Penna, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. M.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" G. Parker Cummings, D. G. Secy.
" C. Buckley, S. G. D.

Bro. John Bradley, J. G. D.
" Heimberger and ——, G. Stewards.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" E. P. Lescure, G. Sword Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" J. L. Burrows, G. Chaplain.
" James Page, P. G. Master.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bro. Buckley.
" 3, Bros. Thomson, Webb, King.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach.
" 19, " Cummings, Bradley, Wilson, Hines, Haswell, Thornly.
" 51, " Whitney, Thomson, Workman.
" 52, " Pearson, Patton.
" 59, " Adams, Neil.
" 67, " Hutchinson, Jones, Smith.
" 71, " Smith, Myers.
" 72, " Williams.
" 91, " Manning, Casey, Hart.
" 114, " Steel, Thomson, Bruner, Krider, Baxter.
" 115, " Sickel, Heimberger.
" 121, " Davis.
" 125, " Bournonville, Aichternacht, Buehler, Remak, Wollenweber.
" 126, " McCulloch, Page.
" 130, " Riley, Shultz.
" 134, " Williamson.
" 155, " Martin.
" 158, " Oliver, Shields, Baird.
" 186, " Russell.
" 187, " Hilt, McCahn, Purvis.
" 190, " Cloud.
" 211, " Davidson, Page, Cartwright.
" 246, " Rich.

Proxies, Bros. Whitney, Bournonville, Jno. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Jas. Page, Williams, Remak, Page.

Thirty five Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication June 3d, 1850, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Communication July 1st, 1850, and the Special Communication July 22nd were read and separately adopted.

A petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a new Lodge in the city of Pittsburg in the Commonwealth of Penna. Which was on motion referred to a Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. B. Newcomb, Wm. Barger and Jas. Page said Committee.

A petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a new Lodge in Mercer, Mercer County, Penna. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received and read from sundry Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge in Cookstown, Fayette County, in the Commonwealth of Penna. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received and read for permission to Lodge No. 45, to take another ballot in the case of Dr. F—— & Mr. W—— rejected candidates. Which was referred to a special committee. The Grand Master appointed Bros. B. Newcomb, Wm. Barger & J. Page said committee.

The R. W. Grand Master stated as follows: Brethren at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge the applications for several new Warrants were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Grand Officers held several meetings and granted Warrants as follows, viz.:

To No. 245 at Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa.
" " 246 " Kensington.
" " 247 " Mansfield, Tioga Coy., Pa.
" " 248 " Tunkhannock, Wyoming Co.
" " 249 " Carbondale, Luzerne Co.
" " 250 " Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa.

That on August 8th, 1850, accompanied by P. G. Master Bro. Wm. Barger, the Grand Treasr. and Grand Secy, and a number of Brethren I proceeded to Kensington and constituted Lodge No. 246.

That on the 28th of August accompanied by several Brethren and all of the Grand Officers, except Bro. Alex. Diamond who was prevented from going by severe indisposition, I proceeded to Doylestown and organized Lodge No. 245, installed the officers and set them to work.

Dispensations have been forwarded for the organization of the other named Lodges to the respective D. D. G. Masters and they will be (no doubt) in a very short time in successful operation.

The application for the revival of Lodge No. 123, at York, Penna., is still under consideration.

The R. W. G. Master stated further that in compliance with the direction of the Grand Lodge, he had sent to the Committee of Councils a letter declining their invitation to join in the funeral solemnities of General Zachary Taylor and desired the Grand Secy. to read a copy of the same which he did as follows:

PHILA., July 24th, 1850.

To J. Price Wetherill, Esqr., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangement.

SIR, On behalf of the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. I have to acknowledge the polite invitation given through you, to her and to the several Lodges under her jurisdiction, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philada. to take part in the solemn ceremonies expressive of a nation's grief for the loss of their Chief Magistrate. While the Order individually and collectively yield to none in sorrow for our national bereavement, they cannot appear in the procession of mourners as an organized body.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Grand Master of the G. L. of Pennsylvania.

The following communication was received from Bro. Geo. B. Kerfoot, D. D. G. Master, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, viz.:

LANCASTER, July 20th, 1850.

VERY DEAR SIR AND BRO., I forwarded by Adams' Express some days since two boxes to your address. Box No. 1 con-

tained sundry regalia, collars and aprons; 1 vol. Ahiman Rezon, 1 vol. records of Mark Lodge and 1 vol. Minutes of Blue L. Treasurer's Book, 1 bundle By-laws (worthless), blank notices, sundry correspondences and private papers (also worthless), petitions, &c., all belonging to the late Eastern Star Lodge, No. 169, formerly of Columbia, Lancaster County. Now I enclose the Charter belonging to said Lodge.

In box No. 2 a large Bible, several columns, 1 ballot box, 1 gavel, 1 Keystone and sundry papers, such as G. L. returns, certificates, copies of By-laws, all belonging to the late Amicitia Lodge, No. 116, formerly of Marietta, Lancaster County. *No Charter found.*

Respecty.,

To Wm. H. Adams. GEO. B. KERFOOT.

The following report was received and the resolution thereto attached adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— from the proceedings of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, on his application for initiation and membership therein.

Respectfully report: That they have attended to that duty. That they gave due notice of the time and place fixed for hearing the appeal to the said —— —— and to the said Lodge that the said —— —— sent them his statement in writing and the Lodge was represented on the hearing by the W. M. and Secretary and some of the members and a number of witnesses appeared before your Committee and were examined on the subject. The facts of the case as appeared from the testimony are the following, viz.:

At a stated meeting of the Lodge held on the 19th of October, 1849, the said —— —— was balloted for by the Lodge and rejected and at a stated meeting on the 16th of Nov., 1849, a motion was made that a new ballot should be taken and on the stated meeting on 18th of Jany., 1850, that motion was taken up and adopted and at a stated meeting on the 15th of February, 1850, a ballot was taken and he was rejected. And that he gave notice to the Lodge at their stated meeting held on the 19th of April, 1850, of his intention to appeal to the Grand Lodge at their

Quarterly Communication in June and the Lodge then instructed their representative in the Grand Lodge to have his case referred to a committee.

There was but one member of the Lodge who voted against the candidate on each ballot and he appears to have acted in good faith and is still unwilling that the candidate shall become a member of the Lodge of which he is himself a member.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the proceedings of the Lodge in the matter have been regular and correct and the conduct of the member who voted against the candidate was also right and proper and no fault has been committed by either in relation to the matter.

Your Committee considered it further to be their duty to enquire whether the said —— —— possessed the requisite qualifications for a member of a Lodge and have accordingly made the enquiry and are satisfied that he is fit to be made a Mason and become a member of any Lodge that may think proper for initiation and membership.

They therefore report the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that —— —— be and he is hereby allowed to petition Lodge No. 114 or any other Lodge he may see proper for initiation and membership.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Wm. Barger.
Mathew Cartwright.
R. R. Hodges.

Phil., Apl. 1st, 1850.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, That they have carefully examined the By-laws of Herman Lodge, No. 125, as furnished to the Committee in English and would recommend.

In Article 2nd Section 2nd to strike out "And in case of a tie vote the Master should have the casting vote" and insert, The

election to be conducted by the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers.

To strike out of Article 3rd all after Section 3.

To strike out of article XIV. all after the words not paid in 4th line and insert or remitted by the Lodge he may be suspended or expelled.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Com.

PHIL., Sept. 2d, 1850.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 126 setting forth that said Lodge had altered the night of meeting from the fourth Tuesday, to the second Saturday of the month and that they be permitted to meet in the Grand Lodge Room. On motion duly made and seconded, the alteration was approved and permission was given to meet in the Grand Lodge Room.

The following was offered by Brother G. Parker Cummings, "viz.":

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of $ wherewith to procure a block of Penna. marble to be fashioned as a Keystone and inserted as part of the National Monument to Washington to bear the inscription from the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Keystone State in memory of the Masonic virtues of Washington or some other inscription that the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may direct.

The foregoing resolution was amended by resolving to refer the whole subject to a Committee of Five, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, to furnish a design and inscription and report the cost, &c., to the Grand Lodge.

Printed communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, "to wit":

New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Maryland, Mississippi, Delaware and Indiana. Which were on motion referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

On motion a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 2nd, 1850, A. L. 5850.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Alex. Diamond, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" William H. Pearson, Dep. G. Secy.
" John Bradley, S. G. Deacon.
" Robert Hutchinson, J. G. Deacon.
" John Sharp, G. Steward.
" W. Heimberger, do.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" W. S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Orson Douglass and John Chambers, Grand Chaplains.
" J. Harper, J. Page and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Buckley, Davis.
" 3, " Herriges, Overshine, Zorns, Skerrett, Hall, Martin, King, Helverson, Colladay.
" 9, " Crow, Rigg, Leach, Kelly.
" 19, " Bradley, Childs, Reynolds, Wilson, Patton, Hodges, Haswell, Hines, Griscom, Thornly.
" 25, " Benezett, Scott.
" 51, " Whitney, Thomson, Bouvier, Baggs, Green, Fisher.
" 52, " Pearson, Ferguson, Smith, W. Master, Robt. K. Smith.
" 59, " Gwynn, Neil, Davenport, Adams.
" 67, " Simons, Jones, Weeks, Deklyne, Van Osten, Jos. Hutchinson, Wagner, Martin, Baugh, Wilson, Smith, Laudenslager, Robt, Hutchinson, Jas. Hutchinson, Miller, Simpson.
" 71, " Horner, Vancollum, Meyers, Smith, Frismuth, Golden.

No. 62, Bros. Stichter, Ritter.
" 72, " Moore, Williams, Gibson, Chase, H. M. Phillips, Thompson, West, Coleman, Peacock.
" 75, " Nichols, Whitaker.
" 81, " Jos. Dickinson, Snyder.
" 91, " Casey, Manning, Hart.
" 114, " Krider, Krim, Baxter, Thomson, O. Thompson, Bruner, Coburn, Harper, Sharp.
" 115, " Diamond, Heimberger, Shultz, McCloud, A. E. Dougherty, Sickel.
" 121, " Vaux, Mott, Davis, Peterson, Frazer, Leviestien, Foering.
" 125, " Bournonville, Steiner, Maag, Remak, Buehler, Meyer, Holsinger, Aichternacht.
" 126, " Page, Hyne, McCulloch, Negus, Jackson, McPherson.
" 130, " Riley, Lescure, Coryell, Shultz, Logue.
" 134, " Hart, Butler, Stocker, Williamson.
" 135, " Ogelsby, McCully, Nixon, Mullin.
" 155, " Fritz, Martin.
" 158, " Baird, Jones, Julius, Ewing, Shields.
" 186, " Barrington, Zeigler, Smith, Gaskell, Russell.
" 187, " Coates, Hisckey, Loeser, Wallis, Purvis, Werthyme, McCahen.
" 190, " Richards, Siebert.
" 211, " Ristine, Cartwright, Hall, Page, Davidson, Bennett.
" 230, " Mather, Furlong, Cook.
" 246, " Patterson.

Proxies, Bros. William Whitney for No. 218, A. Bournonville for No. 148, Jno. Thomson for No. 22, Wm. H. Adams for Nos. 82, 108, 138, 199, R. M. McCulloch for No. 45, G. Remak for No. 144, J. Simpson for No. 163, C. C. Williams for No. 197, Peter Fritz for No. 219, James Page for No. 226, Jacob Steiner for No. 234, John Page for No. 229.

Forty six Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past six o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication Septr. 2d, 5850, were read and adopted.

The R. W. G. Master stated as follows:

Brethren, this is the evening set apart by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of officers of this Grand Lodge to serve for the space of one year from St. John's Day next.

Before calling off for that purpose allow me to tender to you my most hearty and sincere thanks for the kindness and many courtesies I have received at your hands during the time I have had the honour of presiding over you. If in the discharge of the arduous duties pertaining to this important station I have come short of your expectations, I most earnestly crave your indulgence, and beg that you will attribute the errors I have committed to the head, and not to the heart.

At the Annual Grand Communication, on St. John's Day next, it will be my duty as well as my pleasure to lay before you a full and particular statement of the finances of this Grand Lodge. I shall also detail to you such other occurrences, as have transpired during the present Masonic year as may seem to be of importance and of sufficient interest to lay before you.

Allow me also to say that immediately after the election is over there will be a matter brought before you for your consideration, which is deemed of considerable importance and it is desirable that it should be disposed of this evening. I shall therefore deem it a favour if, as many of the members, as can consistently with their other engagements, will remain until the matter is brought before them, so that we may have a full Lodge when the vote is taken upon it.

On motion Bro. Anson Jones, P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas was admitted as a visitor.

The R. W. G. Master appointed Brothers Richard Vaux, C. C. Williams, Tobias Buehler and E. P. Lescure as tellers.

When the Grand Lodge went into a ballot for officers to serve for the ensuing twelve months.

The tellers reported the following named Brethren duly re-elected, to wit:

Bro. William Whitney, Rt. W. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, Rt. W. D. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, Rt. W. Sr. G. W.
" Alex. Diamond, Rt. W. Jr. G. W.
" John Thomson, Rt. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, Rt. W. G. Secy.

TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

Brothers Saml. H. Perkins, Saml. Badger, Wm. Barger, Jacob Steiner, Peter Williamson.

The following report was read and approved and the resolution attached thereto unanimously adopted, "viz.":

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered at the last Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge relative to furnishing a block of marble, to be placed in the National Washington Monument, have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to present the following report.

Your Committee have had several meetings, and after giving the matter due consideration are of the *unanimous* opinion that, it is expedient that this Grand Lodge, should furnish a stone or block of marble with suitable inscriptions thereon and that the same be forwarded to the city of Washington to be placed in the National Washington Monument, now in the course of erection, as a slight token of the esteem, in which he was held, and the veneration which every Mason has for the memory of that great and good man GEORGE WASHINGTON.

For the purpose of ascertaining from the building committee, in Washington, the most suitable size for such a stone, as well as for the purpose of furnishing a proper design to be cut upon it, your Committee appointed a sub-committee to procure such information of which Brother G. Parker Cummings was chairman.

Information was received, that any size stone which might be furnished, could be properly placed in the building the shape, however must be an ashler form.

Your Committee therefore are of the opinion that a stone or block say six feet in length by 2 feet 10 in breadth and of suitable thickness, would be the most suitable and appropriate size which we could adopt.

The device which your Committee recommend should be cut upon the face of the stone, has been unanimously adopted, with the exception of the names of the Grand Officers, which appear upon the face of the design. The drawing which your Committee now present for the inspection of the members of the Grand Lodge was designed and executed, free of expense

by Brother G. Parker Cummings, W. M. of Lodge No. 19. Your Committee have ascertained that the monument, has already risen to above what is called the first landing. It is therefore contemplated that the stone which this Grand Lodge may furnish shall be placed, on the inner face of the building at the second landing, where it will doubtless remain for ages and attract the attention and gaze of millions, long after we, who are now assembled in Grand Lodge shall have passed from time to eternity, and as we trust shall be again reassembled to forever enjoy the presence of that Grand Master who presides in the Grand Lodge above "That building not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

The whole expense of procuring a suitable block of Penna. white marble and of cutting the emblems, in accordance with the design now furnished, will be not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars.

The execution of the work your Committee recommend should be entrusted to Bro. William Struthers, under the superintendence of a Special Committee appointed for that purpose, whose duty it shall be to see that none but the most skilful artists are employed and that the work be done in the most superior manner.

Your Committee would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the sum of five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of carrying into effect the recommendation of the Committee, and that the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for that sum, whenever it is needed.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed. Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, Jas. Hutchinson, Alex. Diamond, Jno. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, G. Parker Cummings, Peter Williamson, C. C. Williams.

PHILADA., Nov. 29th, 1850.

Brother Wm. H. Pearson moved that the names of the Grand Officers be placed upon the stone as they now appear upon the design. Which was rejected.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was "*Resolved,*" that the R. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee of Five to carry out the intention of the Committee as reported above.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ to 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the 3rd Monday of December.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 16th, 1850.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" Alex. Diamond, R. W. S. G. W.
" Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. Gr. W.
" John Thomson, R W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Henry Bruner, D. G. do.
" John Bradley, S. G. Deacon.
" E. T. Chase, J. G. do.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" William Leach, G. Pursuivant.
" W. Heimberger & John G. Sharp, G. Stewards.
" E. S. Ely, G. Chaplain.
" Peter Fritz, } P. G. Masters.
" James Page, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 81, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Proxies, Bros. Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, Jno. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams (3), Jacob Steiner, Peter Fritz, James Page, G. Remak.

Thirty four Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past six o'clock, P. M.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 226 appoint-

ing Bro. James Page proxy for said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. James Page acknowledged as proxy.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg. Which communication was ordered to be entered and filed.

An application was read asking for the revival of Lodge No. 104, Lancaster County, Pa. Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received numerously signed by members of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, at Carlisle, and Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, at Harrisburg, asking that —— —— might be placed in good standing, he having been rejected from Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197. On motion the foregoing was referred to a special committee to consist of three.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Newcomb, Barger and Page.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 237, at Washington, Pa. Which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 250 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following communication was received and the one hundred dollars spoken of therein was directed to be handed over to the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

CINCINNATI, Octor. 7th, 1850.

Bro. Wm. H. Adams, G. S. of the G. L. of Penna. of Free and Accepted Masons.

DEAR BROTHER, Enclosed you will please find the draft of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company in New York for the sum of one hundred dollars, which you will please receive as a donation from an English friend to be applied by the Grand Lodge to the Charity Fund of such subordinate Lodges as may stand in need of it.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication by sending a receipt for the amt. enclosed to Bro. Wm. Williams, Newport, Campbell Co., Kentucky, specifying that it is received of him as agent and that it is for the Charity Fund of such subordinate Lodges in your State as stand in need.

In hopes that this sum may do something towards carrying into practice the Masonic virtue of Charity, I remain

Your brother,

GEO. HOADLY, JR..
Atty. for the Donor's Agent.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had acknowledged the receipt of the above as requested.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's account, for receipts and payments, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1850, and having found the same correct in all its particulars submit a statement of said receipts and payments.

RECEIPTS.

For Lodges' dues, &c.	$1,868 75	
" New Warrants	81 00	
" Dispensations	220 00	
" Rents, Chestnut St. Hall and stores	1,800 00	
" Rent rooms 3d St. Hall	37 50	
		$2,547 45

PAYMENTS.

For Interest on Mortgages 3d St. Hall	$200 00	
" Sinking Fund	2,347 45	
		$2,547 45
For Expenses Chestnut St. Hall		3 50
" do. 3d St. Hall.		
" " Incidental	$2 25	
Coal	15 00	
Gas	93 20	
" Table, Secretary's room	15 00	
		125 45
" Salaries, Grand Treasurer	$50 00	
" Secy.	200 00	
" Tyler	49 50	
		299 50
		$2,975 90

Amount of receipts ex. payment.....		$1,031 35
Bal. due by G. Treasr. Mar. 31st, 1850...	$2,720 78	
" " " " " June 30th, ...	3,752 13	
		$1,031 35

Signed. GEO. SMITH,
A. E. DOUGHERTY,
Committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1850.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges for rent, &c.....	$586 37	
For New Warrants	486 21	
" Dispensations from G. Secy's office..	92 00	
" Rent 3d St. Hall.....	75 00	
" " Chestnut St. Hall and stores...	1,800 00	
		$3,039 58

PAYMENTS.

For Interest on loans.....	$1,137 72	
" Sinking Fund	976 02	
" Taxes Chestnut St. Hall..	915 53	
" Expenses constituting Lodges	78 07	
		$3,107 34
" Taxes 3d St. Hall.....	$239 25	
" Gas	78 03	
" Coal	60 00	
" Carpeting, &c.	99 31	
" Painting	91 12	
" Upholstering	17 57	
" Chairs	18 00	
" Repairs, carpentering	19 19	
" Papering	9 40	
" Repairs & gilding picture frames	20 00	
" Inkstands G. S. room.....	10 00	
" Incidental expenses	32 20	

For Parchment and printing ..		$35 00		
" Binding books		15 72		
" Surveying lot		3 00		
" Commissions to estate J. Grier for collection on Museum sale		30 00		
Salaries.				
To G. Treasurer	$50 00			
" G. Secy.	200 00			
" G. Tyler	46 50			
		296 50		
			$1,074 29	
				$4,181 63
Excess of payments over receipts.....				$1,142 05
Bal. due by G. T., June 30th, 1850.....			$3,752 13	
" " " " Sept. 30th, 1850.....			2,610 08	
				$1,142 05

Signed. GEORGE SMITH,
A. E. DOUGHERTY,
JOS. S. RILEY,
Committee.

The following communication was received and read and on motion was referred to the Committee on Landmarks, "viz.":

PHILADA., Decr. 16th, 1850.

To the R. W. G. M., Deputy G. M., Sr. and Jr. G. Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

SIR, The undersigned is authorized to lay before your R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna. the following questions.

First. Will the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accept communications from the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in Germany recognizing the above Lodge and accept members of the subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction.

Second. Will the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. accept communications from the R. W. the Grand *Land Lodge* at Berlin, Prussia, recognize the above Lodge and accept members of the subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction.

By giving me an answer as soon as possible you will oblige very much.

Signed. L. A. WOLLENWEBER, P. M.,
Herman Lodge, No. 125.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Delaware, Kentucky, Arkansas, New York, Iowa and Connecticut were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The following report was received, read and approved, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully report,

That the capital of the Fund has been increased since the last annual report by the purchase of an additional certificate of Gas Loan for two hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty-six cents.

There has been disbursed in charity for the relief of widows during the Masonic year the sum of one hundred and eighty eight dolls. and fifty cents.

The receipts of the Treasurer have been as follows:—

Balance as per last report	$285	43
Ground rent collected	43	75
Donation from Committee on Masonic Ball	501	40
Jany., 6 mos. int. on Gas loan	55	33
do. do. on Masonic loan	72	00
July, do. do. Gas loan	61	72
do. do. Masonic loan	72	00
	$1,091	63

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $703.07.

The last appropriation having been exhausted the Grand Lodge is respectfully requested to make an appropriation of two hundred dolls. for the use of the Trustees out of the stated sum now on hand unappropriated.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees.

Signed. TOBIAS BUEHLER,
Chmn.

DECR. 16th, 1850.

On motion duly made and seconded, two hundred dollars were appropriated for distribution agreeably to the request of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

On motion of Bro. G. Remak and duly seconded,

It was resolved, that one hundred and fifty new aprons be procured for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley the following resolution was offered and lost, viz.:

Resolved, that there be annually published in pamphlet form in the month of February in detail the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge for the preceding year ending on St. John's Day in December.

On motion of Bro. W. Heimberger and duly seconded by Bro. J. G. Sharp the following resolution was adopted, "viz.":

Resolved, that the Grand Secty. be directed to notify the owners of the Washington House, Chestnut Street, to have the windows looking westward on our property on Chestnut Street between 7th and 8th forthwith closed.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

When the Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ to 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Secretary.

Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held Decr. 27th, 1850, A. L. 5850, Saint John's Day.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" D. C. Skerrett, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" William H. Pearson, Depy. G. do.
" John Bradley, S. G. D.
" G. P. Cummings, J. G. D.
" Peter Williamson, G. Marshal.

Bro. Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" John G. Sharp and C. Bard Reese, G. Stewards.
" John Chambers and O. Douglass, G. Chaplains.
" Ezra S. Ely, do.
" James Page, P. G. M.

Thirty eight Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of Quarterly Communication Decr. 2nd, 1850, as relates to the election of Officers was read and approved.

Those present who were not Past Masters withdrew.

When Bro. William Whitney, R. W. G. Master elect and Bro. A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M. elect were separately and duly installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Whereupon the Brethren who had retired were readmitted and the following Grand Officers were severally and duly installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed received the cordial congratulations of the Brethren, viz.:

James Hutchinson, R. W. Sr. G. W.
John Thomson, R. W. G. T.
Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.

Bro. Alex. Diamond the Jr. G. Warden was not present on account of severe indisposition.

The R. W. G. Master eloquently delivered the following highly interesting address.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:—

BRETHREN:—Another Masonic year has passed away,—we have now reached one more land-mark in our Masonic journey towards eternity.

I meet you on this anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, with sentiments of truly grateful acknowledgments to Him who is the architect of the universe, for the great prosperity enjoyed by the Craft, under this jurisdiction, during the past year. Since last we met in Annual Grand Communication, many of those who were then with us have passed away, and they now sleep the slumbers of death.

In the course of human events, it can scarcely be expected that all, who are now assembled here together, will occupy seats in this Grand Lodge at the close of another year: but that some, perhaps many of us, may be summoned from these busy scenes of life to appear in the unknown regions of eternity. Whether it may be you or I or both, is beyond human skill to foretell.

In view, then, of these sad realities, my Brethren, how important is it that we should pause for a while, and each one examine his own heart and conscience, and then ask the question: Will the work, which I am endeavoring to accomplish, be approved by the Grand Master of the universe at the last great day? What more befitting occasion than the present, could we select to form new resolutions, and to take upon ourselves fresh vows, that we will, for the future, journey through the remainder of life squaring our actions by the square of virtue, and circumscribing our desires within due and proper bounds, with all mankind; thereby the better preparing us for an entrance into that mansion, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

When I accepted, one year since, the high and responsible situation, to which I was elevated by your unsolicited suffrages, I can truly say that I did it with great timidity, and from a fear, but too fully justified, that I should be unable to discharge my obligations to this Grand Lodge, and the jurisdiction thereunto belonging, in a manner equal to my apprehension of their extent and importance. It has pleased the members of this society re-elect me to serve them for another year in this most exalted and important station; and permit me again, my Brethren, to repeat to you my sincere pledge, that the arduous and various duties devolving on me shall be discharged faithfully, and to the best of my abilities; relying, as I shall do, on your indulgence and the counsel and advice of my brother Grand Officers, with whom I have had the happiness to be so long associated.

During the past Masonic year nothing of great importance has occurred, under this jurisdiction, which renders it necessary for me to bring to your especial notice. I would, however, beg leave here to call your attention to some few statements and occurrences which I trust may not be deemed wholly uninteresting at this time.

Our connection with our sister Grand Lodges throughout the Union is of the most harmonious character, with the single exception of that of the State of New York.

It is no doubt known to most of you, that there has existed in that State, for some years, two Grand Lodges—one called the St. John's Grand Lodge, and the other the Grand Lodge, over which Brother J. D. Willard recently presided as Grand Master. The former of these Grand Lodges, this Grand Lodge never acknowledged, but, on the contrary, has invariably refused admission, as visitors, into her subordinate Lodges, members hailing from under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. This, I think, was right, and the only true and Masonic course which we could pursue.

The other Grand Lodge was recognized by us as the only legitimate one then in existence in that State. But what have we witnessed there within the last eighteen months? In the month of June, 1849, a minority of the members of that Grand Lodge becoming dissatisfied with some of their proceedings, have rebelled and established for themselves a third Grand Lodge, and there now exists no less than what is pretended to be called, *three* Grand Lodges in that State. If such a state of things is to be justified and recognized by us, we may be called upon to recognize as many Grand Lodges in a single State as we now have districts under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge.

I am happy, however, to learn that arrangements have been made for a union, and to be consummated this day, between the St. Johns and the Willard Grand Lodge, over which our respected and highly esteemed Brother Wm. H. Milnor now presides. I am unacquainted with the mode by which this desirable arrangement was consummated.

The accomplishment of this most desirable object will still leave two Grand Lodges in that State; and both claiming to be the true and only legitimate one which ought to exist and be recognized by us.

Since the difficulties which occurred there, at the period already alluded to, numerous statements and pamphlets have been published and sent forth to the Fraternity throughout the Union; and nearly every Grand Lodge throughout this country, as well as some of the foreign Grand Lodges, have taken prompt action, and at once acknowledged the Willard Grand Lodge as the only true and legitimate one that ought to exist in that State. I regret to say, that although the subject has been properly brought before this Grand Lodge, still, all she has done has been to show a "masterly inactivity," and the result is we now either recognize both, or neither, of the two Grand Lodges to which I have especially referred. My opinion always has been, and still is, that this Grand Lodge owes it to herself and her dignity to declare by her solemn vote, that there can be but one legitimate Grand Lodge in that State, as well also as to declare which of the two she will recognize.

The applications for adjusting complaints from rejected candidates, by subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, have been much more frequent within the last few years.

This, I regret exceedingly to learn. The ballot box in the Lodge, should be used on all occasions with great care and caution; and while the greatest zeal should be exhibited at all times, that none, unless possessed of *all* the proper qualifications, should be admitted within your portals; yet, at the same time, no Brother can, under any circumstances whatever, be justified in depositing an opposing ball, either through *malice*, *hatred*, or *personal spite*, against a candidate, who possesses the proper qualifications, and whose character is unstained and beyond reproach, and, it may be, is as well qualified in every respect to be initiated into our mysteries as any member who now belongs to the Order. That rejections of most worthy candidates, under these circumstances, have taken place is beyond all doubt. Let me say to those Brethren who may have been guilty of voting against a candidate from such unworthy motives, that he is guilty of unmasonic conduct, and is unworthy any longer of the name of Brother. I trust that hereafter we shall hear no more complaints of this kind.

Several complaints have recently been made of the too free use of the dispensing power, by some of the District D. G. Masters, and, I fear, not without just cause. In a few cases, which have been reported to me, some of these officers have exercised powers which, in my opinion, go beyond those delegated to the Grand Master himself. I sincerely hope that these few brief remarks on the subject will hereafter cause all the D. D. G. Masters under this jurisdiction, to be more cautious and not go beyond the powers delegated to them by our Constitution.

The suit which was brought some time since, against P. G. M. Fritz, Wm.

Whitney, A. Bournonville, J. Hutchinson and Wm. H. Adams, by Brother John Robinson, the lessee of the Chestnut street Hall, for some imaginary offence, has, after many vexatious delays, been abandoned by him; he suffering himself to be non-suited. This, with the continued impediments which he throws in our way, in collecting the rents of the Chestnut street Hall, will cause the Grand Lodge some additional expense, the amount of which is not yet fully known.

The Committee on Grand Officers, are under many obligations to Brother Remak for his valuable professional services, and the faithful and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged his duties as their counsel.

On the 1st of March last, the four stores in front of the Hall in Chestnut street, came into our possession, and will, on the first proximo, produce an income to the Grand Lodge, for the period of nine months just past, the sum of $1800, or at the rate of $2400 per annum. This is a large sum, and a handsome additional revenue, especially when we consider that it is derived without any outlay of money whatever by the Grand Lodge. The rent of these stores will, hereafter, be a clear gain to the Grand Lodge; and too much praise cannot be awarded to our worthy Grand Secretary, as well as the other Brethren who approved of the idea and who wrought so zealously until they were successful in inducing the Grand Lodge to pass resolutions, whereby those stores have been constructed. The result of which is, we now derive an annual income of six per cent. on the sum of $40,000, which before was a total loss to us.

For the adjoining lot in the rear of the Third Street Hall, we have at length succeeded in getting a deed; but as yet the matter is not fully settled. The rear or west end of the fence as now fixed being about four inches further north than the east line.

The Committee, who have the matter in charge, relative to closing the windows in Washington Hall, which look upon our property in front of the Chestnut street Hall, have not yet made any report. We ought to have had a report from them, on the subject, some months since. The additional action taken by the Grand Lodge in that matter, at their Special Communication, on Monday, the 16th instant, will, I have no doubt, prevent our rights from longer being encroached on.

The Charity fund, as per last report, showed a balance on hand of $285.43. Out of this sum $200 have already been appropriated. This amount has been exhausted, and as the inclement season is now approaching, I would suggest a further liberal appropriation for the relief of the distressed widow and the fatherless, out of the balance of the fund which may be reported by the Committee, as on hand at that time.

By a vote of the Grand Lodge, passed some years since, our Charity fund is to be confined exclusively to the relief of the widow and orphan and female relatives of deceased Brethren. This, I think, was a wise measure; and I sincerely hope the Grand Lodge will not soon change it.

The interest from the liberal bequest of our deceased Brother, Stephen Girard, (now amounting to the sum of $30,000) *must*, in accordance with the terms of the bequest, be confined exclusively to the relief of poor and worthy Master Masons; so that we now have one fund out of which to bestow, most

liberally, to our distressed Brethren; and another (though much smaller) which is confined to the relief of the widows, orphans, and female relatives of deceased Brethren.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge one year since, the question was agitated by some of the Brethren, and also referred to in the address of my predecessor, but no action has since been taken, regarding the expediency of this Grand Lodge removing back to our old home, in Chestnut street, and selling the Hall which we now occupy. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is, unquestionably, such as to enable us to make advantageous arrangements for the disposal of this property on suitable terms, and other necessary provision for removing back, and once more occupying our old Hall, (which is far more central) and that, too, without the least detriment to the interest of the Grand Lodge.

The lease on the Chestnut street Hall will expire on the 1st March, I would, therefore, recommend that a special committee be appointed at an early day, to take the whole matter into consideration and to report in writing to this Grand Lodge, as speedily as possible.

A number of proxies have been received from Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the same approved, showing the interest felt in our order and the harmony and good feeling existing between the Brethren generally under this jurisdiction.

The reports from all parts of the State, represent the Institution in a most flourishing condition.

While this is very gratifying, I would admonish the Brethren against a too great or rapid increase in their numbers, lest it should have a tendency to cause some to relax in their duties, and to admit to fellowship those who are unworthy and who may bring discredit on our Order. Eternal vigilance and a watchful eye should, at all times, be kept on those wishing to become acquainted with our mysteries. More danger is to be apprehended from too great and rapid prosperity in our Order, than from all the opposition that can possibly be brought against us.

Repeated applications have been made by some of the Brethren in the northern part of the State, for instruction in the mode of work, &c. By my especial request, Brother Wm. H. Adams, accompanied by Brother William S. Shultz, of 130, who kindly volunteered to take him in his own private conveyance, was induced to pay them a visit a few months since. During his stay, he visited the Brethren in Honesdale, Carbondale, Tunkhannock, Pittston Ferry, Wilkesbarre, Minersville, Pottsville and Orwigsburg, and found them all in a prosperous and flourishing condition. They received him with great good feeling and brotherly kindness. He found the work in some of those Lodges somewhat different from the mode practised in this city. But after a full explanation, they all promised to conform to the regulations of this Grand Lodge. The Brethren manifested great satisfaction for being thus visited, and much good, I have no doubt, will be the result.

During the past year eight new Lodges have been constituted, viz:

No. 244 at Kittanning, Armstrong County.
" 245 " Doylestown, Bucks "
" 246 " Kensington.

No.	247	at	Mansfield, Tioga	County.
"	248	"	Tunkhannock, Wyoming	"
"	249	"	Carbondale, Luzerne	"
"	250	"	Sharon, Mercer	"
"	251	"	Mercer, "	"

The Warrants applied for, for Cookstown, Fayette county, and Pittsburg, are still under advisement, by the Committee who have them in charge. Lodge No. 156 has been revived at Chestnut Level, Lancaster county. The Warrant of this Lodge has never been vacated by the Grand Lodge, and they had only ceased their labors a few years since.

The Girard Charity Fund, under the direction of the twenty-three members, continues its steady onward course of usefulness. The sum of $1800 was appropriated for the year ending July 1, 1851.

The balance remaining of previous years' appropriation, on the 1st of January, 1850, was $1120. This amount added to the above appropriation of $1800, makes a total of $2920 for the use of the Committees for distribution up to July 1st, 1851. Up to the 1st of January, 1851, nineteen hundred and forty-five dollars of this amount has been distributed among seventy-eight applicants.

45 of these hail from our own jurisdiction, and have received the sum of	$1290 00
33 hail from foreign jurisdictions, and have received the sum of	655 00
78	$1945 00

which leaves a balance of $975 to be distributed up to *July 1st*, 1851.

It is needless to remind the Brethren that the appropriations to this fund are made up to July 1st, of each year, and this accounts for the apparent large balances on hand at the first of each year.

As far as has come to our knowledge of the above number of applicants *two* have paid the last great debt of nature.

Many of the survivors are aged and infirm, and will need continued care and attention to their wants. Too much praise cannot be awarded to those Brethren who have had this matter in charge, for their diligence, care and attention. The secret satisfaction of the good done will, I trust, be a reward which, no doubt, they all feel, and my earnest wish and hope is, that they will, in the end, receive a far richer reward from Him who bestows liberally and as seemeth to Him best.

The finances of the Grand Lodge, according to the accounts furnished me by the proper officers, and made up to the 21st of the present month, exhibit the following condition:

Receipts and Balances.

Balance on hand as per report 31st December, 1849,	$7,448 73
Received from Lodges, Chapters, city and country, also D. D. G. Masters, for dispensations, &c	7,268 54
New Warrants,	810 21

Chestnut street Hall,		$6,669 45
Dispensations, Certificates and Ahiman Rezons, issued by the Rt. W. G. Master and sold in city,		645 00
Rents Third street Hall,		150 00
Total,		$22,991 93

Payments.

Interest on mortgages Third Street Hall, and to holders Masonic Loans,	$3,212 69	
Payment to Sinking Fund,	12,158 47	
Current expenses Chestnut street Hall,	52 50	
Taxes on Chestnut street Hall,	915 53	
Incidental expenses Third street Hall, light, coal, repairs, &c., &c.,	1,208 57	
Taxes Third street Hall,	239 25	
Constituting and visiting Lodges,	133 07	
Salaries G. Sec'y, G. T'r and G. Tyler,	1,186 50	
		19,106 58
Balance on hand December 31, 1850		$3,885 35

Recapitulation.

Receipts from every source, and balance on hand at close of last year,	$22,991 93
Payments, including $12,158 47 to Sinking Fund,	19,106 58
Balance on hand as above	$3,885 35

An arrangement is now about being made to have the greater part of this balance invested for the benefit of the Sinking Fund.

The Sinking Fund, as per last report, amounted to the sum of	$15,300 00
Invested for account of that Fund since that period	12,158 47
Which makes that Fund now amount to	$27,458 47

The total indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, on the 31st of December last, was	$78,401 98
Since then there has been paid off certificate of debt amounting to	3,964 16
Leaving a total debt now of	$74,437 82

To meet this indebtedness, we have the present amount of the Sinking Fund, as above stated, and to which there will probably be added very shortly about $3,000 more, which will then make that Fund amount to upwards of $30,000. Besides this, we also have our two very valuable properties, viz:

our Hall in Chestnut street, and the one we now occupy. The former of which, at a low valuation, would far more than pay the whole debt of our Grand Lodge.

The large amount which we have been enabled to add to our Sinking Fund, during the last two years, exhibits that Fund at the present time in a very desirable state indeed, and if we continue to prosper for the next five years, as we have done during the past five, we shall, beyond all doubt, be enabled to increase our Sinking Fund so that it will absorb the whole debt of this Grand Lodge.

The city Lodges have *all* paid up their dues. The country Lodges have done the same, with but very few exceptions. From the Lodges generally, under this jurisdiction, we are receiving such flattering accounts of their prosperity as to induce us to believe that few, if any hereafter, will long remain in arrears.

The Brethren at Pittsburg have, I understand, at considerable expense, commenced the erection of a neat and commodious Hall, in which to hold their meetings, and they expect to have it completed and ready for dedication in the course of the coming year.

Brethren, I have already said that our Institution is, at the present time, in the most prosperous and flourishing condition. I think that I may with confidence say, that at no period, within the memory of the most aged Brother now present, has our Order, throughout the State, been so prosperous as we find it at the present time.

This is truly encouraging, and cannot be otherwise than most gratifying to every member who has the good of our noble and charitable Institution really at heart.

This happy state of things has, in a great measure, been brought about by the wise measures recommended, and the judicious course pursued, by several of my predecessors; and, I would here say, that too much credit cannot be awarded them for the faithful discharge of their duties while occupying this exalted station.

Let us, my Brethren, be truly thankful that our lot has been cast in this land of civil and religious liberty. Here all may worship the God of the universe in his own peculiar way; and here, in this consecrated spot, we may meet and, as a band of brothers, dispense our Christian graces, the first of which is charity. "Oh! charity! How beautiful is thy lustre in the bosom of the Lodge." "Here may the faithful suffering Brother divulge his misfortunes and make known his wrongs. No matter though a cold and unfeeling world may have heeded him not, and unpitying friends have passed him by, here he will find a balm for his wounds, a cordial to relieve the sufferings of an agonized mind."

Now, as we are about to enter afresh on our duties as Masons for another year, let us do it with a realizing sense that we are ever under the eye of Him who dispenseth light and knowledge, and from whom none of our actions are or can be hid.

In all our doings, whether in the Lodge or mingling with the busy crowd of the world, let us never depart from the plumb-line of rectitude or the level of propriety; but, being illuminated by the first Great Light of Masonry, may

we invariably be found walking within the compass and acting upon the square.

So shall we find a sweet recompense in the mutual approbation of each other, and our own consciences; and, above all, what far outweighs every other consideration, merit the approbation and the acceptance of the Great Master Builder, to whom we must all finally render a strict account at the last great day.

After which he made the following appointments.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. George B. Kerfoot of the city of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.

Bro. Wm. B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the counties of Schuylkill, Northampton and Carbon.

Bro. C. P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the counties of Fayette and Franklin.

Bro. Geo. C. Welker of Sunbury, for the counties of Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Bro. Philip Krebbs of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.

Bro. Samuel Houston of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford, Wyoming and Susquehanna.

Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the counties of Luzerne, Wayne and Pike.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, P. Van Pelt, O. Douglass, J. L. Burrows, H. W. Ducachet, E. S. Ely, Kingston Goddard, J. B. Smith, Geo. P. McElroy, R. Dishea Norris.

Bro. Peter Williamson, S. G. Deacon.
" D. C. Skerrett, J. G. Deacon.
Bros. Henry Bruner & C. Bard Reese, Grand Stewards.
Bro. James Baggs, Grand Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, Grand Pursuivant.
" William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bros. George D. Haswell, John Bradley, Wm. Conrad, Thos. E. Baxter & Jas. Kelly.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. Alex. E. Dougherty, Geo. Smith, Jos. S. Riley, Geo. H. Oliver & Jos. R. Flanigan.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. George Griscom, Jas. B. Chandler & Wm. H. Klapp.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. James Page, Wm. H. Adams & Robt. Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. E. P. Lescure, Wm. Clinton & Joshua Mitchell.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Tobias Buehler, Harman Baugh and Washington Heimberger.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Bayse Newcomb, Jos. R. Chandler and Saml. H. Perkins.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. M. Cartwright, 211; David Rittenhouse of 187; Edmd. Barrington of 186; Wm. E. Ewing of 158; John Martin of No. 155; E. H. Butler, 134; E. P. Lescure, 130; Robt. McCulloch, 126; Jacob Steiner, 125; E. T. Mott, 121; Jno. McCloud, 115; John G. Sharp, 114; John H. Casey, 91; Abm. West, No. 72; Townsend Smith, 71; John Wagner, 67; Gavin Watson, 59; Jno. C. Yeager, 52; M. Bouvier, 51; John Reynolds, 19; Wm. Leach, 9; Jacob S. Zorns, 3; & N. H. Maguire, No. 2.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution offered by Bro. Geo. Griscom was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master's address be referred to a Committee of Grand Officers and seven members of this Grand Lodge to have such parts printed as may be proper and also to take into consideration such parts of the address as relates to the Hall in Chestnut St. and report thereon.

The Committee of Correspondence then made a very lengthy

and able report on the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, viz.: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North & South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, twenty four in all.

When on motion of Past G. M. Bro. J. Page and duly seconded, the report was referred to the same Committee on the R. W. Grand Master's address with instructions to publish so much as is deemed proper.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 233 appointing Bro. Z. A. Davis, proxy.

On motion the communication was received and Bro. Z. A. Davis acknowledged as their representative.

A similar communication was received from Lodge No. 249 appointing Bro. Wm. S. Shultz their proxy.

On motion Bro. Wm. S. Shultz was acknowledged and the communication ordered to be filed.

A communication was read from Bro. Samuel McKinley, D. D. G. Master, soliciting this Grand Lodge to subscribe for shares in Masonic Building Fund Society of Pittsburg. When the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be directed to subscribe for two hundred shares (amounting to one thousand dollars) Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society and that the R. W. G. Master be requested to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for said amount.

General returns were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be entered and filed, "to wit": Lodge No. 3, 9, 19, 51, 25, 59, 75, 72, 71, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 134, 52, 67, 91, 125, 158, 186, 187, 211, 108, 138, 144, 148, 155, 190, 219, 221.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the morning.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 minutes to one o'clock at noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Jany. 13th, 5851.

Special Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Penna., Masonic Hall, South Third Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" George Griscom, R. W. G. Treasr., p. t.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" William English, S. G. Deacon.
" C. Bulkley, J. G. Deacon.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" C. Bard Reese, G. Steward.

Twenty seven Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master having stated the object of the meeting in a very feeling and appropriate manner referred to the life and decease of our much beloved Brother Alexander Diamond, Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge.

When on motion of Bro. George Griscom and duly seconded, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, in His wise and inscrutable dispensation it has pleased God to take from our midst by death our beloved Brother Alexander Diamond, late Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge therefore be it

Resolved unanimously, that this Grand Lodge has learned with deep and heartfelt grief of this unexpected and melancholy event.

Resolved, that our late Brother Alexander Diamond had endeared himself to every member of this Grand Lodge of which he was one of the most distinguished members, by his uniform suavity and kindness of manners, his brilliant proficiency as a Mason, and his universal charity and benevolence of character.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge deplores the loss which it has thus sustained and that the sympathy and condolence of the Grand Lodge and of its members one and all be and they are hereby tendered to the family of our deceased Brother and

that the Grand Officers be a committee to furnish to his widow a copy of the resolutions.

On motion of Brother E. P. Lescure and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, "viz.": *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge room and regalia be put in mourning for the unexpired year.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past seven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, February 3d, 5851.

Lodge of Instruction under the direction of the R. W. G. Master.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, as R. W. S. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, G. T., as J. G. W.
" J. Steiner, G. Treasr., p. t.
" William H. Adams, G. Secy.
" J. B. Baggs, S. G. Deacon.
" C. Bard Reese, J. G. do.
" C. Parker Cummings, G. Pursuivant.

And seventy Brethren members of the Grand Lodge and visitors.

Pursuant to previous notice given by the R. W. G. Master and at the request of a large number of Brethren the R. W. G. Master opened a Lodge of Instruction and delivered an interesting lecture on the opening and closing, &c., &c.

The Lodge of Instruction closed to meet February 17th, 1851, at 7 o'clock punctually.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 17th, 1851, 5851.

Lodge of Instruction.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, S. G. W.
" John Thomson, J. G. W., p. t.
" James B. Baggs, G. Treas., p. t.
" William H. Adams, G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerrett, S. G. Deacon.
" C. Bard Reese, J. G. Deacon.
" Wm. S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.

Lodge of Instruction opened at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. G. Master delivered a lecture on the first or Entered Apprentice's degree.

A large number of members and visitors were present.

The Lodge of Instruction closed at ¼ past 9 o'c. to meet on Wednesday, February the 26th at 7 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, February the 26th, 1851, A. L. 5851.

Lodge of Instruction.

PRESENT:

Bro. WM. WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" John Cockrin, R. W. G. Treas., p. t.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" Peter Williamson, S. G. Deacon.
" David C. Skerrett, J. G. Deacon.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.

The Lodge of Instruction opened at 7 o'clock, P. M., as per agreement made at last meeting, when the R. W. G. Master delivered a lecture on the second or Fellow Craft's degree, also on the third degree or Sublime degree of a M. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that it was his intention at the next meeting to practically illustrate the work by confer-

ring the three degrees on a candidate who he would select for the purpose and he would make known when the next meeting would be held at the Quarterly Communication on Monday evening next when the Lodge of Instruction closed in harmony at ¼ to 10 o'clock.

A number of the members of the Grand Lodge were present as well as visitors.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 3d, 5851.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" J. Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. J. G. Warden, p. t.
" Joshua Mitchell, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" Edward T. Chase, D. G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerrett, J. G. Deacon.
" Peter Williamson, S. G. Deacon.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" G. S. Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Samuel Badger, Jas. Page, Wm. Barger, Cornelius Stevenson, Bayse Newcomb, P. G. Ms.

Lodges represented by the following named Brethren,

No. 2, Bros. Buckley, Graham, Maguire.
" 3, " English, Zorns, Bilger, Thomson, Colladay, Ovenshine.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach, Rigg.
" 19, " Childs, Haswell, Cummings, Hodges, Griscom.
" 25, " Benezett, Scott.
" 51, " Whitney, Thomson, Baggs.
" 52, " Pearson, Ferguson.
" 59, " Adams, Gwynn, Neeson, Neil.

No. 67, Bros. Dunn, Smith, Conrad, Reese, Wagner, Squibb, Simpson, Hutchinson, Baugh, Martin, Jones.
" 71, " Smith, Meyers, Horner, Mayer, Vancollum, Pacham, Hutchinson.
" 72, " Peacock, Barger, Chase, H. M. Phillips, West, Barger, Ellis, J. A. Phillips, Williams.
" 91, " Casey, Hutchinson, Perkins, Hinchman.
" 114, " Sharp, Bruner, Krider, Wm. Thomson, O. Thompson, Young, "Douglas, G. C."
" 115, " Sickel, Heimberger, Newcomb, A. Dougherty, McCloud.
" 121, " Leviestien, Davis, Mitchell, Vaux.
" 125, " Bournonville, Aichternacht, Osner, Steiner, Maag.
" 126, " Jackson, Page.
" 134, " Pettitt, Williamson, Mitchell, Stocker.
" 155, " McCully, Bacon, Martin.
" 130, " Shultz, Brown, Easby, Strickland, Lescure, Logue.
" 158, " Baird, Jones, Julius.
" 186, " Zeigler, Gaskill, Russell, Gaskill.
" 187, " Wallis, McCahen, Albertson.
" 211, " Page, Ristine.
" 230, " Furlong.
" 197, " Porter.

Proxies, Bro. William Whitney, No. 22; William English, No. 21 & 106; Wm. Barger, No. 43 & 164; Robt. McCulloch, No. 45; Wm. H. Adams, 82, 108, 199; James Page, 138; Richd. Vaux, No. 62; Gus. Remak, No. 144; A. Bournonville, No. 148; W. W. Desilver, No. 153; Jas. Simpson, No. 163; C. C. Williams, No. 197; John Thomson, No. 218; Peter Fritz, No. 219 & 231; J. A. Phillips, No. 221; John Page, No. 226; Jacob Steiner, No. 234; Wm. S. Shultz, No. 249.

Forty eight Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at twenty minutes past six o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication Decr. 2d, 1850, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Extra Communication held Decr. 16th, 1850, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication were read and adopted held, Decr. 27th, 1850.

The Minutes of the Special Grand Communication Jany. 13th, 1851, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Lodges of Instruction held under the Grand Master Feby. 3d, 17th, and 26th were read and approved.

A communication from Lodge No. 235 appointing Bro. John Reynolds proxy for said Lodge was read.

On motion the communication was filed and Bro. Jno. Reynolds proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 231, at Pittsburg, appointing P. G. Master Bro. P. Fritz their proxy for said Lodge.

On motion the communication was filed and Bro. Peter Fritz acknowledged as the representative of said Lodge.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 62 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 134 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 194 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a new Warrant signed by a number of Brethren was read asking to hold a Lodge in Shamokin Township, Northumb. Co., and nominating Bro. William H. Marshal as the first W. Master; Kimber Cleaver as Senior Warden, and Emanuel Kaufman as Junior Warden, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application was read from a number of Brethren asking for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Pottstown, Montgomery County, Penna., and nominating Bro. Solomon A. Stout as the first W. Master, and Bro. Edwd. A. Morton as the first Sr. Warden, and Bro. Henry Christian as the first Junior Warden.

The following communication was received from Robt. F. Hight which was on motion ordered to be filed and the prayer of the applicant granted.

To the Rt. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he was a member of Lodge No. 204 formerly held at Tunkhannock, Wyoming

County, Penna., at the time the Lodge suspended operations and to the best of his knowledge and belief was not indebted to said Lodge at the time the Warrant was vacated. He therefore respectfully asks the Grand Lodge to grant him permission to unite himself with Temple Lodge, No. 248, at Tunkhannock or any other Lodge to which he may apply pledging himself that if the books of the late Lodge No. 204 are recovered and any arrearages appearing against him to fully liquidate the same and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

Signed. ROBERT F. HIGHT.

We the undersigned cheerfully recommend that the above petition be granted. He being a worthy Brother and one whose word can be relied upon.

Fraternally and truly,

Signed. JNO. P. SMITH, *W. M.*
A. HINE, *Secy.*

Lodge No. 248, Tunkhannock, Jany. 6th, 1851.

A communication was received from Union Lodge No. 121, which was on motion ordered to be filed.

The question was asked the R. W. G. Master whose duty it was to give notice to the subordinate Lodges of the rejections of candidates.

The R. W. G. Master decided that it was the duty of the subordinate Lodge in which the rejection took place to notify the other Lodges and the R. W. Grand Master stated that he would direct the Grand Secty. to notify the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction to direct their secretaries to notify all the Lodges of rejections.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee of Three.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that in September, 1850, he applied for the benefits of Freemasonry in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, under your honourable jurisdiction. That his application was in the usual form signed by two members of the Lodge and that for causes unknown to him

his application was rejected. That your petitioner feels aggrieved by this action of Lodge No. 19 and has reason to believe it has proceeded from unjust and personal feelings against him by a few individuals.

Your petitioner therefore prays your honourable body to investigate the causes of this injury to him and freely invites the strictest scrutiny upon his character as a man and citizen, and is satisfied that upon examination your decision will place him in the position he occupied before presenting his petition to Lodge No. 19 and your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Signed. —— ——.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Past Grand Masters Brethren Saml. H. Perkins, James Page and Wm. Barger the Committee on the foregoing.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following statement, viz.:

The Committee appointed under the resolution of the Grand Lodge in Decr. last to attend to the procuring a suitable block of marble to be placed in the National Washington Monument have attended to the duties assigned them.

The execution of the work has been entrusted to Bro. Struthers and is now progressing to completion as rapidly as the nature of the work will permit.

The Committee having in charge the Chestnut Street Hall, as referred to by the Grand Master in Decr. last, still continues to give that matter their most serious consideration and attention but at this time they are not able to make as full a report as wished. They therefore report progress and ask to be continued.

The address of the G. M. at the last Annual Communication with the report of the printed proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was referred to a special Committee and at an early day it is expected that such portions as are deemed proper will be printed and ready for distribution among the Brethren.

On St. John's Day last when I announced the appointments for the year it will be remembered that some few of the districts in the State were left vacant for the time being.

Since then I have reappointed Bro. Saml. McKinley and Joseph L. Stichter, the District of which Bro. S. McKinley has

formerly had charge was a very large one, I have therefore made two new ones out of part of Bro. S. McKinley's and Bro. C. P. Gummert's and have appointed Bro. G. K. Bain of Meadville (who has been highly recommended) for the District composed of the counties of Crawford, Erie, Warren and Mercer and have appointed Bro. Bradley Mahanna of Waynesburg (who was also highly recommended) for the counties of Green, Washington, Beaver and Lawrence. This leaves but one District in the State at this time without a District Deputy Grand Master and that one is that over which Bro. Benjn. Park of Harrisburg was formerly appointed.

The Committee of Grand Officers have the present condition of the hall in Chestnut Street in their charge and in active remembrance. I can assure the Grand Lodge every attention will be paid to its interests by the Committee. It has for a long time been managed by a sub-committee of the G. O. composed of Bros. Bournonville and Adams assisted by Bro. Remak as their counsel and as far as human vigilance will go I feel quite sure that the interests of the Grand Lodge will be protected and it will be their endeavour as far as possible to keep up a handsome income from that property.

During the past month I have held Lodges of Instruction which were well attended, but I should have been pleased if more of the present officers of the subordinate Lodges could have made it convenient to attend them.

The next and last of the Lodges of Instruction will be held in this room on the evening of Tuesday, March 13th, 1851, when I contemplate going through the work practically in the three degrees.

This being the night the Brethren were notified that the election for Junior Grand Warden would be held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our deceased Brother Alex. Diamond, the Rt. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Richd. Vaux, Tobias Buehler, C. C. Williams and E. P. Lescure tellers.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election.

The tellers reported that Brother Peter Williamson had received a majority of the votes polled.

When the R. W. G. Master declared him duly elected.

At the request of the R. W. G. Master the R. W. D. G. Master installed Bro. Peter Williamson, Junior Grand Warden,

in ancient and solemn form. After being duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal he received the accustomed congratulations of the Order.

On motion a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ before 10 o'clock to meet on the first Monday in April.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secy.

THURSDAY, March 13th, 5851.

Lodge of Instruction.

PRESENT:

Bro. WM. WHITNEY, R. W. G. M.
" Jas. Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. Jr. Gr. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" David Boyd, Dep. G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerritt, Sr. G. D.
" James B. Baggs, Jr. G. D.
" C. B. Reese and C. Buckley, M. of C.
" E. P. Lescure, Pursuivant.

Fifty eight members of the Grand Lodge and 47 visitors.

Pursuant to notice given at the Quarterly Grand Communication held the 3rd inst. the members of the Grand Lodge and a number of Brethren met when the Rt. W. G. Master opened a Lodge of Instruction in the M. M. Degree at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Rt. W. G. Master stated that this being the last of the Lodges of Instruction for the season he was enabled practically to exemplify the first, second and third degrees as a gentleman highly recommended to him (William Henry Allen, President of the Girard College) was desirous of becoming a Mason and by virtue of the Power and Authority vested in him as Rt. W. G. Master he would proceed to E. P. and Raise Mr. Wm. H. Allen.

M. M. L. closed and E. A. L. opened when Wm. H. Allen was introduced and received the first degree in Masonry.

E. A. L. closed and a F. C. L. opened when Bro. Wm. H. Allen was passed to the degree of a F. C. M.

F. C. L. closed and a M. M. L. opened when Bro. Wm. H. Allen was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M.

The Lodge of Instruction then closed in peace at half past ten o'c. P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., April 7th, 5851.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. M.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. T.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" William H. Pearson, Depy. G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerrett, S. G. D.
" James Kelly, J. G. D.
" George Haswell, G. M.
" Joshua Mitchell, G. S. B.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" B. Newcomb, S. H. Perkins, and W. Barger, } P. G. Ms.
" John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
" E. S. Ely, do.

Thirty eight Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at a quarter past seven o'clock, P. M.

The following report was read and ordered to be filed and the resolution thereto attached was adopted.

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 19 in rejecting his application for initiation and membership.

Respectfully report: That they gave notice of their meeting to the Worshipful Master of No. 19 but his engagements were such as to prevent his attending.

That the application of —— —— appears to have been in the usual form, signed by two members of the Lodge, read in open Lodge and referred to a Committee whose report was favorable. He was regularly ballotted for on a stated night of meeting, but did not receive a unanimous vote. It was evident that there were one or more Brethren who did not wish —— —— to become a member of their Lodge and so expressed themselves by the ballot. In this they exercised a sacred Masonic right and one that cannot be curtailed without injury to the Order. Unanimity is required, not only for the purpose of guarding the portals of Masonry from the intrusion of improper and unworthy characters, but also to preserve the harmony of the Lodge by preventing the entrance of any one whom a Brother cannot welcome with fraternal and Masonic feelings. Yet the very fact that the right to black ball an applicant is absolute in itself and in the power of every brother, he should under it exercise a matter of deliberation, of caution and of a conscientious regard to the rights of others. No Brother can black ball an applicant, from feelings of private pique, envy or revenge without being guilty of violating his duty both as a Mason and a man. From the unusual number of rejections within the last year, your Committee have been apprehensive that the black ball may have sometimes been used for other than Masonic purposes and have thought it important to revert to first principles, and to call the attention of the Brethren to a careful and conscientious exercise of so important a right.

They do not however wish to intimate that it was not so exercised in this case. They had no evidence before them, either of the Brethren who used the black ball, or of their motives but presume it was done from a regard to the harmony and interest of No. 19.

Entertaining these views and from the acknowledged standing in this community and known probity of character of the applicant your Committee are unwilling that he should be left to rest under the implied censure of being thought unworthy of becoming a member of the Order, they therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be authorized to receive and act upon an application by —— —— for Initiation and Membership or either the same as if his application had never been made to Lodge No. 19.

Signed. SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
WM. BARGER,
Committee.

The correspondence between the agent acting for the owners of the Washington House, Chestnut St., in relation to the closing of the windows looking on property was read.

Bro. John G. Sharp moved that they be compelled to close or stop all communication from that property to ours, when Bro. Wm. English offered the following as a substitute which was carried.

Resolved, that the whole matter be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act for the Grand Lodge.

The alteration in the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 changing their night of meeting from the first Wednesday to the second Friday of each month, was agreed to.

Communications were received from Lodges No. 211 and 246 asking the Grand Lodge to approve of their change of place of meeting. On motion the Grand Lodge approved of the same.

The following report was received and adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. G. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they have carefully examined the several By-laws submitted to them and recommend.

That the words, &c., Ten dollars at his Initiation, ten dollars upon his being passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft and five dollars upon his being raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. contained in Art. 10 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 62 be stricken out. That the words "Two" in Article 12 be stricken out and the word three be substituted.

That the word "loose" in Art. 17 be stricken out.

That in Art. 21 all after the word Grand Secretary be stricken out and that the said By-laws be then approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 121 be approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 134 be approved.

That to Art. 4 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 199 be added "Except in case of election of Officers which shall be conducted in conformity to the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon regulating the election of Grand Officers and that the said By-laws be then approved.

That the words "subject to an appeal to the Lodge by motion being made by any two members" in Sec. 3 Art. 2 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 250 be stricken out. That Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11 of Art. 2 be stricken out.

That the words "or a majority thereof" in Sect. 2 of Art. 4 be stricken out.

That the words Passing or Raising in Sec. 3 of Art. 4 be stricken out and the words and for Membership be inserted.

That Sect. 4 of Art. 4 be stricken out. That Sect. 6 of Art. 4 be stricken out and the following substituted, viz.:

The Initiation Fee including the seven dollars to be paid on the presentation of the petition as provided for in the last preceding sect. be twenty two dollars.

That all after 12 mos. in succession in the 11th Sec. of Art. 4 be stricken out and the words may be suspended or expelled be substituted.

That the words "be indefinitely suspended" and all following in Sec. 1 of Art. 6 be stricken out and the words may be suspended or expelled" be substituted. And that the said By-laws be then approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Wm. H. Adams,
Robt. Frazer,
Committee.

Apr. 7th, 1851.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received a copy of a deed of a house and lot in Downingtown, the property of the Lodge formerly held there.

The nature of the deed is that if the said Lodge No. 174 should go down the Trustees were to pay over to the next nearest Lodge the proceeds for Masonic purposes, charity.

But said Trustees in no case whatever to make a sale of the property.

On motion duly made and seconded, the subject was referred to the attention of the Grand Officers.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and were ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

No. 2, at Philadelphia; 21, at Harrisburg; 22, at Sunbury; 43, at Lancaster; 45, at Pittsburg; 60, at Brownsville, 61, at Wilkesbarre; 62, at Reading; 81, at Germantown; 135, at Manayunk; 143, at Chambersburg; 152, at Easton; 153, at Waynesburg; 164, at Washington; 194, at Selinsgrove; 199, at Lock Haven; 203, at Lewistown; 220, at Hollidaysburg; 223, at Allegheny City; 226, at Lebanon; 227, at Reading; 229, at Rochester; 231, at Pittsburg; 235, at Erie; 238, at Tamaqua; 239, at Freeport; 241, at Warren; 242, at Mauch Chunk; 243, at New Castle; 244, at Kittanning; 245, at Doylestown; 247, at Mansfield; 248, at Tunkhannock; 249, at Carbondale; 250, at Sharon; 251, at Hebron; 246, at Kensington; 197, at Carlisle; 222, at Minersville; 223, at Allegheny; 225, at Greensburg; 228, at Uniontown; 236, at Chester.

The following report was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee of Three.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee who have in charge the property in Chestnut Street belonging to this Grand Lodge beg leave to present the following special report.

The lease of the Chestnut St. Hall to Bro. John Robinson expired on the first of March last but your Committee were unable to get full possession until the 5th or 6th ultimo.

The rent under the late lease was payable monthly, but in scarcely a single instance could your Committee collect the same, except by resorting to legal process.

Your Committee would further report that Bro. Robinson is now indebted for one month's rent say $400. Besides which he has left unpaid a gas bill amounting to $154 for the payment of which the Gas. Co. holds this Grand Lodge responsible and your Committee have been obliged to pay it.

In addition to all this he has taken and removed from the hall fixtures and other property of the Grand Lodge worth say at the least $350.00 making in all the sum of $904.00.

Two of the members of your Committee had an interview

with Bro. Robinson on Saturday the 5th inst. when he not only refused to pay the above named gas bill and the balance of rent or restore to the Grand Lodge the fixtures and other property which he has unjustly taken from the hall, but on the contrary seems determined not only to wrong this G. L. but to heap insult upon injury. His acts and language shew that he is determined to set this Grand Lodge at defiance.

Your Committee would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption.

Resolved, that a special Committee of Three be appointed to whom the whole matter of Bro. Robinson's indebtedness shall be referred and it shall be the duty of said Committee to examine the facts and report to this Grand Lodge as early as possible what course should be adopted under the circumstances.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY, PETER WILLIAMSON,
A. BOURNONVILLE, JNO. THOMSON,
JAS. HUTCHINSON, WM. H. ADAMS,
Committee.

APRIL 7th, 1851.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint on the above Brothers Robt. Frazer, Jos. S. Riley and J. Steiner.

The following report from the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge was read, "viz.":

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully report,

That the Germantown property is now in their possession, and it is thought that no further trouble will be had in the matter. That offers have been made to sell and they believe that it would be advantageous to dispose of it at the present price.

They therefore ask leave to propose the accompanying resolution.

Signed. GEO. D. HASWELL,
Chmn. G. L. C. Fund.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be authorized to sell or let on ground rent the Germantown property to the best advantage and that the Grand Lodge guarantee the purchaser in the possession.

The report was approved and on motion of Bro. P. G. M., B. Newcomb, the last clause in resolution reading, and that the Grand Lodge guarantee the purchaser in the possession, was stricken out and the resolution was then adopted.

Printed reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of New York, Maryland, Tennessee, Vermont, California, District of Columbia and Louisiana, were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion duly made and seconded a number of visiting Brethren were admitted as visitors.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., June 2nd, 1851, A. L. 5851.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WM. WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" P. Williamson, R. W. J. G. do.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James Kelly, D. G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerrett, S. G. Deacon.
" E. P. Lescure, J. do.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" William English, G. S. Bearer.
" H. Bruner and C. B. Reese, G. Stewards.
" John M. Read, } P. G. Masters.
" Samuel H. Perkins, }

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Buckley, White.
"	3,	"	Wood, Skerrett, Zorns, King, Martin, Ashton, Thomson, Helverson, English, Loughead, Carlin, Florence, Kerr.
"	9,	"	Copley, Leach, Rigg, McMullin, Kelly.
"	19,	"	Cooper, Bradley, Cummings, Childs, Hodges, Thornly, Griscom, Haswell, Parkes, Hines, Wilson.
"	25,	"	Ritchie, Benezett.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Whitney, Baggs, Bouvier, Ashmead, O'Neil, Workman.
"	52,	"	Ferguson, Pearson, Wagner.
"	59,	"	Adams, Watson, Neeson, Davenport.
"	67,	"	Miller, Laudenslager, Dunn, Simons, Martien, Jones, Conrad, Hutchinson, Reese, Smith, Field, Van Osten, Jos. Hutchinson, Jas. Hutchinson, Wilson, Weeks, Wagner, Baugh, Declyne, Squibb, Simpson.
"	71,	"	Frismuth, Meyers, Horner, Hutchinson, Parham, Golden, Vancollum, Mayer, Smith.
"	72,	"	Chase, Thompson, Williams, Phillips, Molan, J. A. Phillips, Fox, Barger, Gibson, Stevenson, Clinton, Peacock.
"	81,	"	Snyder, Dickerson, Joseph Dickerson, Smith, Roop, Betton.
"	91,	"	Saml. Badger, Hinchman, Casey, Femington, Swaim, Hutchinson.
"	114,	"	Williamson, Steel, Baxter, Boyd, Sharp, Thomson, Krider, O. Thompson, Young, Coburn.
"	115,	"	Sickel, Archambault, Heylin, Newcomb.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, Foering, Vaux, Frazer, Leviestien, Mott, Peterson, Campbell.
"	125,	"	Meyer, Bournonville, Osner, Remak, Holsinger, Steiner, Beuhler, Aichternacht.
"	126,	"	Hand, Page, McCulloch, Hesser, Simpson.
"	130,	"	Lescure, Brown, Riley, Easby, Watson, Strickland, Clemens, Amer.
"	134,	"	Stocker, Williamson, King, Mitchell, Butler, Cohen, O'Neil, Dusenberry, Roney, No. 135.

No. 155, Bros. Fritz, Helm, Martin, Bowen, Allen, Wm. M. Allen, Bradford.
" 158, " Richards, McCully, Baird.
" 186, " Gaskill, Russell, Smith, McIntire, Cockrin, Barrington, Little, Lewis, Stephens, Fletcher, Hufty, Horner.
" 187, " McCahan, Leoser, Rittenhouse, Wallis, Coates, Purvis.
" 190, " Richards, Cloud.
" 211, " Page, Ristine, Dorlan, Hull, Cartwright, Hany, Worthman, Davidson.
" 230, " Taylor, Boyd.
" 245, " Bryan, Mann, Fry, Scott.
" 246, " Michener, Miller.
" 135, " Thos. McCully of Manayunk.
" 21, " Jas. A. Berryhill of Harrisburg.

Proxies, Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, Jas. Hutchinson, John Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. English, Wm. Barger, R. M. McCulloch, Jas. Page, R. Vaux, G. Remak, J. Simpson, C. C. Williams, Peter Fritz, J. A. Phillips, J. Page, J. Steiner, Jas. Reynolds.

Fifty one Lodges represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10 minutes after 7 o'c., P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication March 3d, 1851, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Lodge of Instruction held March 13th, 1851, were read and approved.

The R. W. G. Master stated that on April 22d, 1851, accompanied by the Grand Officers and several of the members of the Grand Lodge he proceeded to Pottstown, Pa., and Organized and Constituted the new Lodge and set the craft to work.

An application was read signed by a number of Brethren asking for a new Lodge to be held in Milton, Northumberland County, Pa.

Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application was read from a number of Brethren

residing in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County, Pa., asking for a new Lodge to be located in that place which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Another application was read from several Brethren residing in Lawranceville, Tioga County, Pa., asking for a new Lodge to be held in that place. Which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 254 was presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 228 was also presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, held at Honesdale, Wayne County, setting forth that, on the night of the 25th of April between 10 and 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in the central portion of the village which before it was subdued destroyed a large number of dwellings and stores and among others the large building known as the Empire Block, in which our hall was situated, and our Charter, Jewels, Books and Furniture were entirely consumed, our loss will be over four hundred and fifty dollars, the Brethren therefore ask a remission of the dues for 1850, as their treasury was nearly exhausted before the fire occurred and they will also require a copy of their Charter and a copy of their last returns. On motion duly made and seconded their request was granted.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, to assist them still further by granting them a donation of one hundred dollars, which was agreed to.

Returns were received from Lodges Number 197, 240 and 156 which were on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 253, held at Pittsburg, appointing Bro. James Hutchinson a Past Master of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philada. their proxy.

On motion duly made and seconded, the appointment was approved and Bro. James Hutchinson acknowledged as the proxy of said Lodge.

A bill for professional services was read from Bro. Gustavus Remak, amounting to $200.00. Which was on motion ordered to be paid.

The Committee of Thirteen appointed under a resolution of the Grand Lodge offered December 27th last, in relation to the

Chestnut St. Hall made report, which on motion duly made was adopted.

The Committee of Thirteen appointed under a resolution offered in Grand Lodge, in December last, beg leave to offer the following report:—

Immediately after their appointment, your Committee was called together and organized, and on the 23d of January, after fully discussing the matter entrusted to their charge, resolved to appoint two Sub-committees, whose duty it should be to report to the general Committee. The one, plans for repairs and removal to the present Hall in Chestnut street; the other plans for re-constructing a new building on the rear of the Chestnut street lot, using the old material of the present edifice, &c. &c. Said building to be exclusively for Masonic purposes.

The general Committee resolved to meet weekly, to aid in counsel the Sub-committee, and to hear their reports, &c.

On the 11th March the Committee on repairs of the old Hall made the following report, to wit:—

To the Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Sirs and Brothers:—The Sub-committee appointed by you to take into consideration the expediency of repairing the old Masonic Hall in Chestnut street, and the probable expense attending the same, have given this subject their careful and thorough attention, and beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee is fully impressed with the importance of the contemplated step to remove to the Chestnut street Hall—a step, which meets the approval of the Craft generally, but as to the execution of which there seems to be a diversity of opinion. In order to carry out the proposed removal without again increasing the debt of the G. L., and without causing dissatisfaction among the Craft, your Committee is of opinion that the strictest economy should be observed. The erection of a new edifice must necessarily be attended by a considerable outlay of money, at a time when the G. L. should husband her funds and endeavor to reach the desirable position of being free of debt. Actuated by these considerations, your Committee would recommend the repairing of the old Hall. It is estimated that all the repairs, including carpenter-work, plastering, painting, ventilating, &c., could be satisfactorily done at an expense of from $4000 to $7000. It is proposed that the upper part of the Hall should then be exclusively used for Masonic purposes, whilst the lower part could be rented out at the lowest rate for about $2500 to $3000 per annum; thus, instead of incurring an additional debt, a surplus of upwards of $3000 could be devoted to Masonic purposes, as will appear from the following table:

Rent for the lower part of the Hall,	$2500
Do., Stores in front of the Hall,	2400
	$4900

The whole debt of the G. L. amounts to		$74,437 82,	
Sinking fund	$27,000		
Cash in G. Treasurer's hands to be invested in Sinking Fund,	3,000		
Third Street Hall,	25,000		
		55,000 00	
		$19,437 82	
Interest on this sum,	$1,166 28		
Do. for repairs, ($7000)	420 00		
			$1,586 00
Leaving a surplus of			$3,311 00

It must be admitted that the architecture of this ancient edifice, is at once imposing and appropriate, whilst its interior is venerated by and endeared to many of the Craft by the recollection of important events in the history of Masonry. But no stronger reason can be urged in favor of this proposition than the fact that it could readily be made the means of creating a "Widow and Orphan's Fund," and thus too extending the holy mission and work of practical Masonry. Brother Girard's bequest has now for years been the means of dispensing charity among worthy members of the Craft, and why should not the G. L.—if it is in her power to do so—create a fund of $30,000 for the support of widows and orphans? The plan is perfectly feasible, and will meet the hearty approval of the entire Craft. In a few years the above surplus of upwards of $3000 per annum, together with the surplus income of the G. L. from the subordinate Lodges, would amount to the sum of $30,000. To accelerate this result, a five story building of 40 ft. by 60 ft. might be erected in the rear of the Hall without any outlay whatsoever, in the same manner as the stores in front of the Hall have been erected. Such a building would yield from $800 to $1000 per annum.

After the lapse of a few years, when by husbanding the funds of the G. L., her debts would be entirely discharged—after creating a Widow and Orphan's Fund, (the want of which has so long been felt) Masonry in Pennsylvania would stand on a firm basis, and then it would and should be its pride to erect a splendid and costly edifice, which would be an ornament to our city, and one at which every Mason would point with the proud consciousness that whilst thousands have been expended for the erection of a Masonic Hall, the widows and orphans of his brethren have first been well cared for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE,
JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOHN C. YEAGER.

The Committee on re-construction also made their report, which is as follows, to wit:—

Sub-report to the Grand Committee as to the expense of the construction of and removal to a new Hall.

Cost.	Loss of old Hall, Income $4,800,		$80,000
Loss.	Building of new one,		20,000
			$100,000
Gain—Price of Third St. Hall,		$25,000	
Gain in Chestnut St. lots,*		20,000*	
			45,000
			$55,000

Interest of which is $3,300 annually.

Probable expense of returning to the old Hall.

Loss—Repairs of old Hall		$15,000
Loss of income, $4,800,		80,000
		$95,000
Gain—Hall in Third street,	$25,000	25,000
		$70,000

Interest on which is $4,200 annually.

If the lower part of the old Hall be let as now, it may yield annually $2,500; which deducted from $4,200, gives, loss $1,700, with the disgrace of such dances &c. as are found there now.

The present lot and buildings in Chestnut street might sell for $100,000. But as the front lots with 80 or 90 feet depth are worth $60,000, the cost of the back lot in Chestnut street is $40,000, which is as little as such a lot could be had for in any convenient place.—Upon the whole we think that the question lies between *remaining in Third street or building a new Hall in Chestnut street.*

J. K. MITCHELL,
PETER WILLIAMSON,
WM. S. SHULTZ.

After hearing the reports of the two Sub-committees, and fully discussing the same, the general Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the two reports just made be referred to a special Committee of five to take the same into consideration, and to make report to the general Committee, when Bros. J. K. Mitchell, A. Bournonville, Peter Williamson, W. S. Shultz and John Allen were appointed said Committee.

On the 14th May, said Committee after considerable labor, &c., submitted the following as their report, which was unanimously adopted by the general Committee.

*It is probable that the Third street Hall will bring $28,000, and the new lots on Chestnut street as above described, a profit of $32,000, this would reduce the price of the back lot to 28,000 dollars.

Report of the Sub-Committee to which was committed the Subject of a Grand Lodge Edifice.

The undersigned, having very carefully examined the subject for which we were detailed, beg leave respectfully to report, that

The recent meetings of the Grand Lodge have shown that the Third street Hall is even now inadequate to the convenient reception of the members of the Grand Lodge, and that the rapid increase of the Fraternity must render it, every successive year, less fitted for the Grand Lodge meetings.

In addition to this growing objection, the site of the Third street Hall is becoming less and less central, as the City and Districts adjoining it extend themselves to the North, South and West; and the Brethren not only complain of the great distance from the present Hall at which a large portion of them are placed, but some of them state that they are thereby prevented from giving such attendance upon Grand and subordinate Lodges, as they really desire.

The present financial condition of the Grand Lodge being such as to enable it to remedy these evils, by a removal to a larger Hall, and a more central situation, we would respectfully recommend a return to the ancient station of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Chestnut street.

A careful examination of the condition of the old Chestnut street Hall, its capacities, its conveniences, and its adaptation to the present wants of the Order, has convinced us that, except as to position, it would not fulfil the purpose upon which a removal is deemed expedient. Its largest Lodge room is only, upon its floor, 174 square feet larger than the Hall in Third street, or about one-twelfth. Therefore if two hundred Masons crowd inconveniently the present Grand Lodge room, as has been recently manifested, the Hall in Chestnut street would be made equally uncomfortable by the addition of seventeen persons; whilst the square feet upon the floor vary so little, the cubic dimensions of the two Halls differ still less, because the ceiling of the old Hall is at least three feet lower than that in Third street.

Any sum of money expended upon the refitting of the old Hall would be so much additional impediment to the building of a larger Hall, and would also render more expensive such an enlargement of the front lots upon Chestnut street, as would enable the Grand Lodge to use them to a pecuniary benefit.

When the Grand Lodge was about to remove to Third street, the estimated expense of the proposed modifications of the new buildings was about $1,000; but the cost arose to the surprising sum of upwards of $8,000. This fact affords a strong argument against any attempt to job the old Chestnut street Hall into the *imperfect* fitness of which it is susceptible.

Seeing these things, the Sub-Committee turned their attention to the feasibility of the erection of a new Hall upon the Chestnut street lot. We did not seriously consider the question of making use of any other lot, because our old one is as advantageously situated as possible, is also as cheap as any other one properly located, and is so endeared to the Masons of this Jurisdiction, as to make it an object of the greatest importance to preserve at least the old site, since we cannot, without the greatest inconvenience, preserve the old building.

The best position for a Masonic Hall, is one in which the quietness of a retired place may be combined with the convenience and publicity of access from the most frequented streets of the city. Both are desirable; the one that the ceremonies may not, particularly in warm weather, be interrupted by the noise of the street, and the other that the members, especially our esteemed country Brethren, may easily find the Hall.

Fortunately, the extent of the Chestnut street lot enables us to recommend it as combining, in the highest degree, these two qualities. The back part of the lot is remarkably retired and quiet, whilst the entrance in front is in the most frequented and best known street of the city, which contains most of the hotels to which strangers repair, and is so conveniently related to these resorts of our country Brethren, as to make the selection of it, for our purposes, highly expedient.

Upon the rear or northern end of this lot, may be placed a large and commodious Hall, capable of properly disposing of as many Brethren as we can reasonably expect, at any Grand or subordinate Lodge meeting. Such a building, containing within itself all the proper appurtenances of a Masonic Hall, may be erected, with the aid of a part of the old materials, and the sale of the remainder, at a cost which cannot, at the utmost, exceed twenty thousand dollars.

By this arrangement, the space upon the Chestnut street front would be so much enlarged, as to afford sites for four stores, each 20 feet in front, and 90 feet in depth, leaving a passage to the Hall of 21 feet 7 inches, or sufficient for the convenient transit of two carriages at a time.

The Chestnut street front, thus deepened, becomes much more valuable, and might be retained or sold as might appear to be the interest of the Grand Lodge. If sold, each lot would bring about seventeen or eighteen thousand dollars, liquidating thereby the entire debt of the Grand Lodge; or, if deemed more expedient, the G. L. might, at a convenient season, build these stores, and thus, by letting them to tenants of its own, control the uses to which they might be applied. In the mean time, the G. L. is not under any necessity to remove the existing stores, which pay, even now, an interest upon forty thousand dollars, but may conveniently wait the progress of events, and take advantage of favorable conjunctures.

If the G. L. should resolve to retain the Chestnut street front, the Sub-Committee cannot help hoping, that when enabled to build up that front upon a tasteful general plan, the G. L. will construct upon the reserved entrance a grand Masonic gateway of dark sand-stone, distinguished for its symmetry, its beauty, and its Masonic ornaments—at once a mark of the site of the Hall, and a grand embellishment to the city.

Should any future exigency call for the removal of the G. L. from Chestnut street, the proposed building, with a 21 feet 5 inches lot for a store on that street, would afford, for an enterprising merchant, a splendid and most extensive place of business.

The proposed plan has the inviting feature of freeing the G. L. from the odium which it endures by the many doubtful uses to which the old Hall is now put. The Sub-Committee do not contemplate any use of the new Hall, save for pure Masonic purposes, making a temple not of vice, dissipation and

immorality—but of order, charity and love—of traditions that *de*scend from the grandest temple of God—of thoughts and acts that *as*cend to the throne of the Most High, in a temple not made by hands. We hope that the G. L., no longer pressed by a stern necessity, will refuse to suffer the wages of iniquity to darken and poison the holy stream of charity that flows from the pure well-springs of Masonic faith and love. It is high time that the desecration of a Masonic Hall should cease; and we the more earnestly press upon the G. L. the proposed scheme, because it must necessarily restore the property of the Order to high and holy uses.

That the G. L. is able to execute the design now presented to its consideration, is made obvious by the following statement:—

The whole indebtedness of the Grand Lodge consists of—

Mortgage, &c., upon Chestnut street Hall,	$60,000 00
" " Third street Hall,	12,166 66
Gas Loan, and V. Pippin's Note,	2,271 16
	$74,437 82
From this deduct Sinking Fund,	27,458 00
	46,979 82
Deduct value of Third street Hall,	28,000 00
Balance of debt of Grand Lodge,	$18,979 82
The income of the G. L., exclusive of rent of the old Hall, is a little over	$11,000 00
The current expenses, including interest, are about	5,000 00
Leaving a net annual balance of	$6,000 00

To this add the additional receipts of the present year, which are about $1000, and we have an annual excess of $7000.

To enable the G. L. to build a new Hall, there will be a balance from the sale of the Third street Hall, of about thirteen thousand dollars, which, with one year's net excess, will be amply sufficient for that purpose.

The increase in the receipts from Masonic sources is, for this year, about one thousand dollars. The new impulse given by a new Hall, centrally placed, may favor the ratio of augmentation; but whether so or not, the G. L. is in a condition financially strong, and growing stronger, so that there exists no good reason for denying to the Masons of Pennsylvania a place of resort commensurate with the dignity of the Order, and adequate to the wants of a growing Fraternity.

Without wishing to dictate to the G. L., which is of course better able than we to judge upon the subject, the Committee thought it would illustrate more clearly the feasibility of the construction of a new edifice, to exhibit at least one plan of a building of suitable dimensions, falling within the estimated cost. The plan is herewith presented.

J. K. Mitchell, Anthony Bournonville
Peter Williamson, William S. Shultz,
John Allen.

After the adoption of the report of the special Committee, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for their approval, to wit:—

Resolved, That the Rt. W. G. Master be authorized to procure plans and estimates for the re-construction of the Chestnut street Hall, which shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge for their approval, at a future meeting.

The several reports of the two sub and special Committees, go so fully into the detail of the matter referred to us, that we do not deem it necessary to add thereto, further than to say that your Committee are fully of the opinion, that, as soon as proper plans and estimates can be procured, and submitted to this Grand Lodge for their approval, the vast interests of this Grand Lodge, as well as that of the Craft in general under her jurisdiction, will be greatly promoted by carrying out the plan now recommended.

It must be evident to all, that the room we now occupy, is wholly inadequate to the suitable accommodation of the present members of the G. Lodge. If therefore, that is the case now, what will it be in a few years more,when, beyond all question the members will greatly outnumber those of the present day. In view of these facts as set forth your Committee would recommend the adoption of the report and the resolution annexed thereto. All of which is respectfully submitted.

William Whitney,	Anthony Bournonville,
James Hutchinson,	Peter Williamson,
John Thomson,	William H. Adams,
J. K. Mitchell,	John Allen,
C. C. Williams,	Williams S. Shultz,

John C. Yeager.

Philadelphia, May, 1851.

On motion of Bro. Edmd. Barrington and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, viz.: *Resolved,* that the report of the Committee of Thirteen on the new hall be printed in pamphlet form under the supervision of the Committee and that a copy be furnished to each member of the Grand Lodge, and transmitted to each subordinate Lodge, at least six weeks before the next Quarterly Communication.

—— —— an applicant for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 241 is rejected from which he appeals to the Grand Lodge. On motion the case is referred to a Committee of Three.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Past Grand Masters Jas. Page, Saml. H. Perkins and William Barger (Bro. Perkins, Chairman).

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read and approved.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending Decr. 31st, 1850.

RECEIPTS.

Chestnut St. Hall, for rent	$1,921 20	
Third St. Hall " "	37 50	
From Lodges, Chapters and Encampment	1,389 75	
From G. Secy. for dispensations, &c.	142 00	
For new Warrant	81 00	
		$3,571 45
Bal. due by G. Treasr. Oct. 1, 1850		2,610 08
		$6,181 53

PAYMENTS.

For Interest on Mortgages to Norris		$200 00	
" do. " " Dancing Assembly		330 00	
" Sinking Fund		1,000 00	
" Expenses Chestnut St. Hall	$23 00		
Paid G. Remak for professional services	50 00		
		73 00	
" Expenses 3d St. Hall:			
Charcoal	$9 00		
Gas	42 75		
Chairs	42 00		
Spittoons	16 50		
Repairs	50 15		
Carpeting	88 49		
Upholstering	55 00		
" Expenses Grand visitation to Chester	20 00		
" Expenses Wm. H. Adams visiting Lodges	35 00		
		358 89	
" Salaries G. Treasr.	$50 00		
G. Secy.	200 00		

For Salaries G. Tyler	$47 50		
Incidental expenses	36 75		
		$693 18	
Balance due by Grand Treasurer Decr. 31st, 1850...			$3,885 35
			$6,181 53

Signed. GEORGE SMITH,
ALEX. E. DOUGHERTY,
GEO. H. OLIVER,
Committee.

PHILADA., June 2d, 1851.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, that the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending March 31st, 1851, have been examined, compared with the vouchers and found to be correct and submit a statement thereof, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges & Chapters for rent, dues, &c.	$4,336 62		
" Grand Secretary for dispensations and certificates	185 00		
		$4,521 62	
" Committee for rent of rooms 3d St. Hall	$172 50		
" Tenants, Chestnut St. Hall.....	1,350 00		
		1,522 50	
		$6,044 12	

PAYMENTS.

For Interest on Masonic loans and debts..	$1,168 72		
" Trustees of Sinking Fund.....	3,835 50		
		$5,004 22	
Expenses of 3d St. Hall.....	$669 69		
Salaries:			
Grand Treasurer's	50 00		
" Secretary	200 00		
" Tyler	40 50		
		960 19	

Expenses of the Chestnut St. property.....		$249 38
		$6,213 79
Amount of payments exceeding receipts.....		169 67
Bal. due by Grand Treasr. Decr. 31/50...	$3,885 35	
do. " " " " Mar. 31/51 ...	3,715 68	
		169 67

GEO. SMITH.
A. E. DOUGHERTY.
GEO. H. OLIVER.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 197 and ordered to be filed.

The following report was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, That they have received since the 23d of May, 1850, the date of their last report from interest and dividends on investments of the bequest the sum of.....$2,111 38
Bal. in bank to credit of Trustees as per last report..$1,085 11

Total $3,196 49
Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the Right Worshipful Grand Master for the use of the committees the sum of..... 1,800 00

Leaving a balance of.....$1,396 49
Say thirteen hundred and ninety six dollars 49/100.

There has been no change in the securities or investments since the last report of the Trustees to which they beg leave to refer for a detailed enumeration of the different certificates.

The receipts of the Bequest since the date of the last report May 24th, 1850, have been as follows and from the following sources, to wit:

1850, July 23d, Dividend on 254 shs. 6 p. ct. M. loan	$762 00
" 23d, 6 mos. int. on 3000 U. S. 6s.....	90 00

1850, July	23d,	6 mos. int. on 2500 Dist. S. Garden	$75 00		
		Int. less State tax deducted	3 75		
					$71 25
"	24,	do. Int. on $4000 Kensington W. Works,	120 00		
		Less State tax deducted	6 00		
					114 00
Aug.	6th,	do. Int. $776.62 State 5s			18 44
1851, Jan.	6,	do. " $3000 U. S. 6's			90 00
"	"	do. " $2500 S. Garden loan	$75 00		
		Less State tax	3 75		
					71 25
"	10,	do. " $4000 Kensington W. W.	$120 00		
		Less State tax	6 00		
					114 00
"	18,	do. " Dividend on 254 shares Masonic Loans			762 00
Feby.	26,	do. " $776.72 State fives			18 44
Total receipts since last report					$2,111 38
Bal. in bank to credit of Trustees as per last report					1,085 11
Total					$3,196 49

The payments of the Bequest since the date of the last report have been as follows and for the following purposes, viz.:

1850, Augt.	1,	Cash pd. order of the R. W. G. Master for use of Com. No. 3	$325 00
Oct.	15,	Cash pd. order of the R. W. G. Master for use of Com. No. 4	625 00
1851, Jany.	17,	Cash pd. order of the R. W. G. Master for use of Com. No. 1	525 00

1851, May	9, Cash pd. order of the R. W. G. Master for use of Com. No. 2.....$325 00	
		$1,800 00
Bal. in bk. to credit of the Trustees.....		$1,396 49

In view of the productive character of the investments and the flourishing condition of the Fund the Trustees are of the opinion that the R. W. G. Lodge can safely appropriate the sum of $2000 to the charitable purposes of the bequest during the year ending June first, 1851.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. SAML. H. PERKINS, WM. BARGER,
PETER WILLIAMSON, SAML. BADGER,
Trustees Girard Beqt.

PHIL., May 22d, 1851, A. L. 5851.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest it was on motion

Resolved, that two thousand dollars be appropriated for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

A communication was received and read from Bro. —— —— of Lodge No. 164, wherein he makes four charges against Bro. —— —— of said Lodge for unmasonic conduct in using language unbecoming a Mason, &c.

On motion duly made and seconded, said communication was referred to a Committee of Three.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Bradley Mahanna, D. D. G. Master, James B. Russel and A. Silvey of Washington, Washington Co., Pa.

The printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz.: Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Maine, S. and N. Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred certain transactions of D. D. G. Master, Benj. Park and Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, offered July 1st, 1850, were called up by Past Grand

Master, Bro. James Page, but no final action was taken upon the report.

"In the course of discussion the resolution in same report "which states that in future the approval of the members of a "subordinate Lodge to a dispensation be ascertained by ballot "as in the case of a petitioning candidate."

This caused considerable discussion when Bro. Bayse Newcomb, P. G. Master, was appealed to and his opinion asked.

Past Grand Master B. Newcomb stated, that a dispensation merely done away with the usual time required by the By-laws of a Lodge and the regulations of Masonry, but it required the approbation of the Lodge to be given with unanimity, &c., and that the usual mode is to take the voice of the Lodge, but to take the ballot in a case of this kind is contrary to ancient usage and never has been so done to the best of his recollection.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Augt. 4th, 1851.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Tobias Buehler, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. T.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" G. P. Cummings, Dep. G. Secy.
" Joseph S. Riley, S. G. Deacon.
" John Corkrin, J. G. Deacon.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" C. Bard Reese and H. Bruner, G. Stewards.
" E. S. Ely, G. Chaplain.
" J. Page and W. Barger, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Buckley.
"	3,	"	English, Zorns, Thomson.
"	9,	"	Leach.
"	19,	"	Wilson, Murphy, Hodges, Hines, Patton, Bradley, Cooper, Reynolds, Cummings.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Oneil, Baggs, Thomson.
"	52,	"	Ferguson.
"	59,	"	Neil, Getz, Gwynn, Neeson, McMullin.
"	67,	"	Squibb, Weeks, Simpson, Smith, Reese.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Horner, Mayer.
"	72,	"	Clinton, Barger.
"	91,	"	Casey.
"	114,	"	O. Thompson, Krider, Bruner.
"	115,	"	Sickel, Heimberger.
"	125,	"	Aichternacht, Bournonville, Meyer, Buehler, Maag.
"	126,	"	Negus, Page, Hesser.
"	130,	"	Shultz, Strickland, Riley, Lescure, Easby.
"	134,	"	Williamson.
"	155,	"	Allen, Martin.
"	158,	"	Baird.
"	186,	"	Little, Russell, Corkrin.
"	187,	"	Wallace, Rittenhouse, Purvis.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Bennett, Page.

Proxies, Bros. Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, John Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Jas. Page, Wm. Barger, Wm. English, J. Simpson.

Forty four Lodges represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 8 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge in consequence of having received and accepted an invitation from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates to participate in the ceremonies of reinterring the remains of our late brother and benefactor Stephen Girard.

He then read the following correspondence.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, GIRARD ESTATES.

PHIL., July 11th, 1851.

To William Whitney, Esqr., Grand Master of the Masonic Order of the State of Pennsylvania.

SIR, At a meeting of this Board held last evening the following resolution was adopted, viz.: "*Resolved*, that the Masonic Order of the State of Penna. be invited to participate in the ceremonies (incident to the final disposition of the remains of the late Mr. Stephen Girard) to take place in the month of September next, and that a Committee of Three be appointed to confer with the Officers of the Grand Lodge."

"Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Snowden, Waterman and Fisher on said Committee."

Extract from the Minutes.

SAML. WILCOX,
Secy. Commrs. Girard Estates.

To which the Grand Master replied as follows:

PHILADA., July 21st, 1851.

Samuel Wilcox, Esqr., Secy.,

DEAR SIR, In reply to the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners Girard Estates inviting the Masonic Order of the State of Penna. to participate in the ceremonies (incident to the final disposition of the remains of the late Stephen Girard) to take place in the month of September next, I would beg leave to state on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and the Order generally in this State, that your kind invitation is accepted.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge will be happy to meet the Committee of Three (whom you have appointed for that purpose) at an early day to make the necessary arrangement.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, in a very neat and appropriate address proposed the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the city authorities to remove the remains of the late Stephen Girard, from their present posi-

tion to, the tomb prepared for the same within the College grounds, and they have invited the Grand Lodge to participate in the ceremony.

And Whereas, it will be eminently proper for the Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction to pay a tribute of respect to the remains of our deceased Brother, on their removal from the present temporary resting place, to that of their final repose beneath the College founded by his munificence, and destined to carry his name to the remotest posterity:

And Whereas, it is desirable that this tribute on our part should be in accordance with the sentiments and habits which marked the character of our benefactor, and be acceptable because of its simplicity, uniformity and impressiveness, therefore

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction, will unite with the City authorities on the occasion referred to under the order and direction of the Rt. W. G. Master.

Resolved, that each individual Brother shall be required to attend in a full suit of black dress coat, with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall alone wear the full Masonic regalia of their respective stations.

Resolved, that to secure uniformity and economy, the said sashes and aprons shall be furnished under the direction of the Grand Officers, each subordinate Lodge notifying them in time of the number it will require and paying the first cost thereof.

On motion duly made and seconded, a large number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at half past nine o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, September 1st, 1851, A. L. 5851.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. William Whitney, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. M.

Bro. James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James Kelly, R. W. D. G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerrett, S. G. Deacon.
" John Corkrin, J. G. Deacon.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Robert Hutchinson, G. S. Bearer.
" C. P. Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" Henry Bruner, Grand Steward.
" James Harper, James Page, Joseph B. Chandler, Peter Fritz, } P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Buckley, White, Smith.
" 3, " Skerrett, Kerr, English, Dillman, Martin, Ovenshine, Ashton, Zorns, Bilger.
" 9, " Kelly, Riggs, Leach, Thomson.
" 19, " Haswell, Cummings, Bradley, Bishop, Hodges, Park, Hines, Wilson, Griscom, Patton.
" 25, " Downing.
" 51, " J. B. Baggs, Whitney, Thomson.
" 52, " Ferguson, Pearson, Simmons, Fitch, Patton, Smith.
" 59, " Neeson, Davenport, Getz.
" 67, " Robt. Hutchinson, Smith, Weeks, Jas. Hutchinson, Wagner, Baugh, Jones, Squibb, Dunn.
" 71, " Meyers, Golden, Vancollum, Wiekle, Hutchinson.
" 72, " Ellis, Chase, H. M. Phillips, Clinton, Thompson, Williams, Fox, Gibson.
" 81, " Snyder.
" 91, " Hutchinson, Hinchman, Casey, Smith, Manning, Hart.
" 114, " Sharp, Harper, O. Thompson, Thomson, Coburn, Bruner.
" 115, " McCloud, Sickel, Heylin, Heimberger.
" 121, " Mott, Leviestien.

No. 125, Bros. Meyer, Bournonville, Osner, Maag, Remak.
" 126, " Jackson, Page.
" 130, " Riley, Easby, Strickland, J. R. Chandler, Lescure, Watson.
" 134, " Roney, Stocker, Williamson.
" 135, " Ogelsby, McCully.
" 155, " Collins, Gaul, Allen, Martin, Fritz, Bacon.
" 158, " Baird, Shields.
" 164, " Smith.
" 186, " Gaskill, Corkrin, Little, Barrington, Fletcher, Horner.
" 187, " Wallis, Page, Dorlan, Purvis.
" 211, " Page, Dorlin, Cartwright, Ristine, Page, Dorlan.
" 227, " Ancona, McDonald, Mulligan.
" 230, " Furlong, Taylor.
" 246, " Michener.

Proxies, Bros. Whitney, Bournonville, Hutchinson, Thomson, Adams, Page, Amb. J. White, English, Jas. Page, Remak, Fritz.

Forty three Lodges represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10 minutes after 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 2nd, 1851, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Communication held August 4th, 1851, were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 242, at Mauch Chunk, appointing Bro. Ambrose J. White proxy of said Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was received and Bro. A. J. White acknowledged as the proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 254, held in Pottstown, Penna., appointing Bro. Alfred P. Hesser, a P. M. of Lodge No. 126, proxy of Lodge No. 254.

On motion the communication was received and Bro. Alfred P. Hesser was acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 247 was presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 236 was presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

General returns were received from Lodges Nos. 228, 232 and 237 and ordered to be entered and filed.

An application for a new Warrant was asked for from a number of Brethren residing in Conneautville, Crawford Co., Pa., naming William F. Owen as first Worshipful Master, Ammi Bond to be the first Sr. Warden; James Norton to be the first Junior Warden, and to be called the Western Crawford Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing application was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following special return was received from Danville Lodge, No. 224, which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from —— —— in which he appeals from expulsion in Danville Lodge, No. 224, and asks for an investigation.

On motion the whole subject was referred to a special Committee of Three to enquire into the facts and report to the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. James Page, E. T. Mott and William English said Committee.

A communication was read from —— —— wherein he complained of expulsion by Carlisle Lodge, No. 187, and asks an investigation by the R. W. G. Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the subject is referred to a special Committee of Three. The Rt. W. Grand Master is pleased to appoint Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Jas. Page and Peter Fritz said Committee.

The following report was read viz.:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the charges against Bro. —— ——.

Respectfully report, That they have held three meetings in pursuance of the object of their appointment of each of which meetings Bro. —— had due and timely notice but neither of which he attended.

That feeling it useless to call further meetings to accommodate Bro. Robinson they proceeded in his absence to receive evidence on the charges against him the substance of which evidence is as follows, "viz.":

That at the expiration of the lease of the Chestnut Street Hall on the first of March last the lessees Bro. —— ——, ——

——, —— —— and —— —— were indebted to this Grand Lodge for one month's rent in the sum of four hundred dollars which still remains due and unpaid, that the said lessees left unpaid a gas bill of one hundred and fifty four dollars which the Grand Lodge has been obliged to pay.

That Bro. —— —— who it appears had the business under his immediate control, did, during the continuance of the lease and at its expiration, destroy, remove or cause to be removed and carried away from the premises property belonging to this Grand Lodge amounting in value to the sum of one thousand five hundred and thirty four dollars.

That he (Bro. ——) on various occasions acted in a highly improper and unbecoming manner calling the Grand Officers black legs and cheats and other opprobrious epithets, and when remonstrated with for such conduct threatened to shoot the Grand Secretary should he come about the Chestnut St. Hall.

That one occasion in Decr., 1849, he declared in a public place and in the presence and within the hearing of five or six strangers that he had been cheated and robbed by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore report that in their opinion all the charges preferred against Bro. —— —— have been fully substantiated and they would recommend to this Grand Lodge that the said —— —— be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Robert Frazer,
Jos. S. Riley,
Jacob Steiner,
Committee.

Phil., Augt. 30th, 1851.

On motion of Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, and duly seconded, it was agreed to postpone all action on the report until the next Quarterly Communication and in the meantime to refer it back to the Committee to enable Bro. —— —— to be present and for further investigation.

This caused considerable discussion when Bro. Jos. S. Riley asked to be excused from acting on said Committee, his request

was granted. When Brother John Korkrin of Lodge No. 186 was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee, caused by Bro. Riley's resignation.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was received and adopted, viz.:

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they have examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 247 and 254 and would recommend

That in the By-laws of Lodge No. 247 the words "the working hours shall commence at 2 o'clock, P. M." contained in the 1st Article be stricken out and the words "The working hours shall commence at 6 o'clock, P. M., from the 25th of September to the 25th of March and at 7 o'clock from the 25th of March to the 25th of Septr." be inserted.

That to the list of appointed officers as contained in the 2nd section of the 2nd article there be added a Tyler.

That article 5th be stricken out and the following substituted.

Sec. 1st.	The initiation fee shall be	$15 00
" "	Fee for passing and raising one initiated in another Lodge	8 00
	Fee for one who has been E. P. and raised in another Lodge	5 00
	Fee for membership	3 00

Sec. 2d. All fees shall be payable in advance.

Sec. 3d. Each petition for Initiation shall be accompanied by the sum of five dolls. which shall be returned to the applicant in case of his rejection.

That the words "shall be reported therein suspended in 2nd Article 19 be stricken out and the words may be suspended or expelled" be substituted.

That the 5th and 6th Sections of Article 19 be stricken out.

That Article 22nd be stricken out.

That Article 23 so altered as to read "no Brother shall be entitled to the pecuniary benefits of the Lodge until he shall have received the degree of M. M. and shall have become a regular, contributing to the Lodge Fund." And that the said By-laws be then approved.

That in the By-laws of No. 254 all after the words "such members in default" in the 3d Sec. Art. 2nd be stricken out and the words "may be suspended or expelled substituted."

That all after the words a member of the Lodge in the first section of Art. 6 be stricken out.

That the 2d Sec. of said Art. be stricken out and there be substituted the following:

"The Initiation fee shall be.....$25 00

The fee for Passing and Raising one initiated in another Lodge 15 00

The fee for Raising one entd. and Passed in another Lodge 5 00

The above fees to be paid in advance.

That the last clause of Art. 8th be stricken out and that the said By-laws be then approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, Wm. H. Adams,
Robt. Frazer,
Comee.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to make the following statement, viz.:

Brethren, The Committee to whom was referred the G. Master's statement to the G. Lodge on St. John's Day last have had 750 copies printed and circulated amongst the Brethren.

Since the meeting of the Grand Lodge the Warrants for Shamokin and Milton both in Northumberland County have been granted. The one asked for at Laurenceville, Tioga Co., is still under advisement.

The resolution of the G. L. passed at their last Quarterly Communication and referred to the Committee of 13 with their report which was then made has been printed and forwarded to every Lodge in the State and almost every member of the Grand Lodge has been furnished with a copy.

The Chestnut St. Hall still receives our untiring attention but owing to the mutilated condition in which Bro. —— —— left it I am sorry to say it is very difficult to get any income from it. The building is now and has been for some weeks in the hands of Mr. Cummer as agent.

The stores in front of the hall still yield the accustomed revenue.

The Committee on Regalia and preparing for the coming

ceremonies in relation to Bro. Girard's remains have occupied much time since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee appointed on the Chestnut St. Hall I have caused to have been drawn three separate plans for a new hall which plans are now completed with the estimated cost of each and may be seen by the members of the Grand Lodge on application to the Grand Secretary or Grand Tyler.

The Rt. W. G. Master further stated that he took this occasion to appoint Bro. D. C. Skerritt, Sr. G. D., in place of P. Williamson, elected Jr. G. Warden, and J. A. Phillips in place of Bro. D. C. Skerritt appointed Sr. G. Deacon.

A communication was read from the agent of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina also the following certificate.

NEWBERN, N. CA., Apl. 19th, 1851.

I hereby certify our worthy Bro. C. H. Wiley of Greenbro, N. C. agent to make collections and receive subscriptions in any State which he may visit in aid of a Masonic Seminary of learning to be erected in this State for the education of the poor and indigent sons of our Fraternity.

Signed. A. T. JENKINS,
G. M., G. L. of N. C.

SEAL.

On motion and amended and after considerable discussion two hundred dollars were granted.

The following communication was offered and laid on the table, viz.:

To the R. W. G. the Grand Lodge of Penna. A. Y. Masons.

WHEREAS, we the members of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, A. Y. M., being influenced by a desire for the good of Masonry and believing that much of the apathy and neglect manifested by a large number of the Brethren, whose talents and position in the community are such as would add to the usefulness and extension of the Order, is owing to the present high rate of G. L. dues and also considering that the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge (as per last report) will warrant a reduction of the same in accordance with the provisions of the A. R. therefore *Resolved*,

That our representatives to the G. L. be and are hereby instructed to present the following as amendments to Chap. 3d of the A. R., viz.: Chap. III, Secn. IV, Item 7th strike out one dollar and insert 25 cents; Chap. III, Secn. IV, Item 8 strike out two dollars and insert one dollar.

Presented in behalf of the Lodge by

J. E. Ancona, *W. M.*
Jas. Mullin, *S. W.*
S. McDowell, *Jr. W.*

Attest:

A. Jordan Swartz, *Secy.*,
Reading, Pa.

Sept. 1st, 1851.

On motion a number of visiting Bros. were admitted.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'c., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Girard Obsequies.

Tuesday, September 30th, 1851.

Pursuant to invitation given, the Grand Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, South Third Street above Spruce.

The procession formed at 10 o'clock A. M., in the following order and proceeded to the Girard College.

Order of Procession

to take place on the 30th September, 1851, incident to the final disposition of the remains of our late Brother, Stephen Girard.

The Brethren to meet at their Hall, South Third Street, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Procession to be by Lodges, the different Lodges ranking according to seniority, except No. 3, of which Lodge our deceased Brother was a member. Lodge No. 2 will take their place in the rear of No. 3. The Grand Marshal to form the line. Each Lodge will form in the following order:

Entered Apprentices—Two and two.
Fellow Crafts—Two and two.
Master Masons—Two and two.
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.

Past Masters—Two and two.
Master of the Lodge.

After the subordinate Lodges, the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund—Two and two.

Band of Music.
Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge—Two and two.

Then will follow the Officers of the Grand Lodge in the following order:

Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler, with Drawn Swords.
Grand Stewards.
Senior and Junior Grand Deacons.
Grand Sword Bearer, with Sword.
Deputy Grand Secretary.
Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.
Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master.

In the above order the procession will move from the Hall, down Third Street to South, observing a distance of four feet between the files. Countermarch up Third Street to Walnut, up Walnut to Fourth, up Fourth to Chestnut, up Chestnut, when the rear of the line reaches the front of the State House, they will be joined by the Select and Common Councils, and Mayor of the City. The procession will then move forward, up Chestnut to Twelfth, up Twelfth to Ridge Road, and then direct to Girard College. The procession all being within the inclosure of the College Grounds, they will halt, the Brethren face inward, and open their ranks, being uncovered while the Grand Lodge pass. The Grand Lodge move forward through the ranks, preceded by the remains of the deceased, carried by eight Past Masters, the P. G. Masters acting as pall bearers, the Brethren close from the rear, and follow the Grand Lodge until arriving at the eastern side of the College, where the coffin will be temporarily placed in front of a stand, which will be reserved for the Orator and the Grand Officers, after the Brethren have assumed their proper position. A suitable address will then be delivered by Past Grand Master Joseph R. Chandler.

After the address, and appropriate funeral services, the remains will then be deposited in their final resting place. The line will again form, preceded by the Grand Officers, and as the procession passes, each Brother will throw his sprig of evergreen into the sarcophagus.

The procession will then return in the same order to their Hall, where they will be dismissed.

Sojourning, and visiting Brethren, who wish to join in the procession can do so, by first obtaining permission from the Master of any of the subordinate Lodges.

By order of the Grand Master.

There were present and took part in this solemn observance R. W. G. M. Bro. William Whitney and over sixteen hundred Brethren. The subordinate Lodges uniform was a plain white apron bound and lined with blue, blue scarf.

(For account of the reinterment of Brother Stephen Girard see Appendix A.)

The Officers of the Grand Lodge wore their purple collars and sashes, white satin aprons trimmed with purple and the whole presented a sight most beautiful, the like perhaps will never be seen again.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 1st, 1851, A. L. 5851.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy.
" James Kelly, D. G. Secy.
" D. C. Skerritt, S. G. Deacon.
" John Corkrin, J. G. Deacon.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshall.
" Robert Hutchinson (J. Steiner), G. S. Bearer.
" W. S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" C. Bard Reese and H. Bruner, G. Stewards.
" John Chambers & Orson Douglas, } G. Chaplains.
" B. Newcomb, S. H. Perkins, Wm. Barger, Saml. Badger, Jas. Page, Josiah Randall, Past Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. White, Robertson, Davis, Buckley.
" 3, " Colladay, Coates, Loughead, Webb, Hall, Wood, Bilger, King, Helverson, Zorns, Dillman, English, Martin, Skerrett, Thomson, Kerr.
" 9, " Croply, Leach, Dorsey, Crow, Kelly, McMullin.
" 19, " Park, Bishop, Wilson, Myers, Reynolds, Hodges, Childs, Bradbury, Cooper, Thornley, Randall, Haswell, Murphy, Cummings.
" 21, " Park, Berryhill.
" 25, " Richea, Benezett.
" 51, " Workman, Whitney, Thomson, Baggs.

No. 52, Bros. Clements, Smith, Ferguson, Pearson, Fitch.
" 59, " Adams, Neil, Neeson, Getz, Campbell McMullin, Watson.
" 67, " Baker, Smith, Simpson, Simmons, Jos. Hutchinson, Squibb, Declyne, Laudenslager, Robt. Hutchinson, Jas. Hutchinson, Reese, Conrad, Johnson, Martien.
" 75, " McVey.
" 71, " Hutchinson, Parham, Meyer, Jos. Parham, Mayer, Frismuth, Golden, Vancollum.
" 72, " Gibson, J. A. Phillips, H. M. Phillips, Thomson, Clinton, Davis, Barger, Coleman, Peacock, Speering.
" 81, " Johnson, Snyder, Dickinson, H. Dickinson, Roop.
" 91, " Manning, Casey, Femington, Hinchman, Wm. W. Thomson, Badger, Saml. Badger, Hutchinson, Steel, Swaim, Perkins.
" 114, " Thomson, Sharp, Coburn, Brunner, Young, Krider, Boyd, Baxter.
" 115, " Heimberger, Sickel, Haines, Shultz, McCloud, B. Newcomb.
" 121, " Foering, Vaux, Peterson, Mott, Davis, Traquair, Leviestien, Mitchell.
" 125, " Holsinger, Steiner, Maag, Bournonville, Remak, Smyth, Osner.
" 126, " Page, Negus, Hand, McCulloch, J. A. Simpson.
" 130, " Chandler, Lescure, Watson, Easby, Brown, Shoemaker, Logue, Strickland, Shultz, Riley.
" 134, " Nathans, Butler, Klapp, Hart, Stocker, Williamson, King, Roney, Kane.
" 135, " Mullin, White, Wust, McCully, Ogelsby.
" 138, " Dobbins.
" 155, " Wilkinson, Allen, Laws, Watres, Fritz, Curtis.
" 158, " Jones, Oliver, Ewing, Baird, Rickards, Shields.
" 186, " Russell, Lewis, Corkrin, Hufty, Barrington, Wallis, Little.
" 187, " Leoser, McCahan, Coates.
" 190, " Falforth, Kerr.
" 197, " Baughman.

No. 211, Bros. Cartwright, Dorlan, Page, Warthman, Ristine, Davidson.
" 220, " Kelly.
" 222, " Robbins, Gumpert.
" 230, " Finley, Taylor.
" 232, " Gamble.
" 245, " Bryan, Fry.
" 246, " Michinson, Whitter, Buckley.

Proxies, Bro. E. H. Butler, for No. 108; Wm. H. Thompson, for No. 106; Geo. Thomson, No. 220; Benjm. Park, No. 203; Jas. B. Wood, No. 229; Jacob Baughman, No. 197; Jno. A. Gamble, No. 232; Jno. S. Hart, No. 240; R. Sterling Wilson, No. 248; Stephen Taylor, No. 255; Wm. Whitney, No. 22; Anthony Bournonville, No. 148; James Hutchinson, No. 253; John Thomason, No. 218; Wm. H. Adams, No. 199; Wm. S. Shultz, No. 249; James Page, No. 226; Peter Fritz, No. 219; Jacob Steiner, No. 234; Robt. McCulloch, No. 45; G. Remak, No. 144; John Reynolds, No. 235; William Barger, No. 43.

Sixty-three Lodges represented. The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 20 minutes past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Septr. 1st, 1851, were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 106 appointing Bro. William W. Thomson proxy of said Lodge, when on motion the communication was received and filed and Brother Wm. W. Thomson acknowledged the proxy of said Lodge.

A similar application was read from Lodge No. 108 appointing Bro. E. H. Butler their proxy, which took the same course.

A similar one was received from Lodge No. 197 appointing Jacob Baughman their proxy which took the same course.

A similar one was received from Lodge No. 203 appointing Bro. Benj. Park their proxy which took the same course.

A similar comn. was read from Lodge No. 220 appointing Bro. Geo. Thomson their proxy which took the same course.

A similar comn. was received from Lodge No. 203 appointing Jno. A. Gamble their proxy which took the same course.

A similar comn. was read from Lodge No. 229 appointing Bro. Jas. B. Wood their proxy which took the same course.

A similar comn. was read from Lodge No. 240 appointing Bro. Jno. S. Hart their proxy which took the same course.

A similar application was read from Lodge No. 248 appointing Bro. R. S. Wilson their proxy which took the same course.

A similar comn. was read from Lodge No. 255 appointing Stephen Taylor their proxy which took the same course.

The Rt. W. Grand Master stated that he had been informed that there were then present several Past Masters from country Lodges, who had been appointed by their respective Lodges as their proxy to represent them in the Grand Lodge and that they claimed to vote at the election, as proxy for their Lodge and also by virtue of their being Past Masters and members of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master therefore decides that in all cases where county Lodges may have appointed a proxy and at the same time is represented in the Grand Lodge by her Master, Wardens, or by a Past Master of such Lodge, then such proxy, for the time being ceases and is of no effect and cannot be entitled to a proxy vote.

This decision the Grand Master believes to be in strict accordance with the true meaning and spirit of the Ahiman Rezon by which we are governed.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Officers.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Edwd. P. Lescure, Mathew Cartwright, James Kelly and Adam Maag, tellers.

The Grand Lodge then went into a ballot when the following Officers were duly elected, viz.:

Bro. Anthony Bournonville in place of Bro. William Whitney who declined a re-election.

Bro. James Hutchinson, R. W D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. Sr. G. Warden.
" Jno. K. Mitchell, R. W. Jr. G. do.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasr.
" Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

Bros. Saml. H. Perkins, Samuel Badger, Peter Williamson, Jacob Steiner and Wm. Whitney, Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1st, A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" George P. Little, R. W. D. G. Secy.
" John C. Smith, S. G. Deacon.
" R. S. Hilson, J. G. Deacon.
" Charles B. Reese, G. Steward.
" Henry Bruner, do.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Wm. S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Orson Douglas & E. S. Ely, G. Chaplains.
" James Page, P. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz, do.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bro. Buckley.
" 3, Bros. Skerrett, English, Martin, Helverson, Thomson, Kerr, Webb, Ashton.
" 9, " Hargreaves, Kelly, Rigg, Cropley, Crow, Leach.
" 19, " Childs, Cooper, Wilson, Cummings, Bradley, Hodges, Thornley, Patton, Reynolds.
" 25, " Scott, Benezet.
" 51, " Thomson, Whitney, Baggs, Read.
" 52, " Ferguson, Pearson, Yeager, Patton.
" 59, " McMullin, Neil.
" 67, " Hutchinson, Smith, Reese, Squibb, Baugh, Weeks, Jones, Simpson, Dunn.
" 71, " Myers, Hutchinson, Mayer.
" 72, " Ellis, Williams, West, Thomson, H. M. Phillips, Chase, Fox, Peacock.

No. 81, Bros. Snyder, Dickinson.
" 91, " Manning, Perkins, Hutchinson, Hinchman, Casey.
" 114, " Sharp, Bruner, Baxter, Thomson, Steel.
" 115, " McCloud, Sickel, Mann, Heimberger, Newcomb, Heylin.
" 121, " Vaux, Davis, Mitchell, Mott.
" 125, " Buehler, Bournonville, Wollenweber, Steiner, Remak, Osner.
" 126, " McCulloch, Page, Negus, Hand.
" 130, " Lescure, Shultz, Strickland, Easby.
" 134, " Williamson, Stocker, Pettit, Roney.
" 155, " Allen, Martin.
" 156, " Tomilson, Evans.
" 158, " Baird, Julius, Jones, McCully.
" 186, " Russell, Stewart, Barrington, Hufty, Corkrin.
" 187, " Purves, Wallace, Loeser, Albertson.
" 211, " Page, Cartwright, Davidson.
" 245, " Carr, Wright.
" 230, " Furlong.
" 246, " Michener.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6¼ o'clock, P. M.

Application for a new Warrant at Bellefonte, Centre County. Referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Application for a new Lodge at Strausburg, Lancaster County. Referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Application for revival of Lodge No. 102 at Frankford. Referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Application for assistance from Lodge No. 235 asking for the remission of two years' dues, which was on motion granted.

A similar application was received from Lodge No. 70 at Athens, Bradford County, which was on motion granted.

Application for a second ballot in Lodge No. 227 in case of —— ——, and on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Missouri Lodge, No. 1, in the city of St. Louis, announcing the expulsion of —— —— for gross unmasonic conduct, which was ordered to be filed.

The following was received from the Committee of Charity.

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund report, That the Fund consists of masonic loans, gas loan, and ground rent to the amount, as per last report, of $5512.12. Besides this there is also a lot of ground in Germantown, which however, can only be made available at present at a ground rent of $10.00 per year. They have on hand for investment $350.00, and offer the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Yours,

GEO. W. HASWELL,
Chairman.

DEC. 1st, 1851.

Resolved, that the sum of $300.00 be appropriated to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for charitable purposes and they are hereby instructed to invest all other moneys, arising from interest or otherwise, that shall come into their hands until further directed. On motion the report was accepted and the resolution thereto attached adopted.

The following report was received, read, and on motion ordered to be spread on the Minutes, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the quarter ending June 30th, 1851.

RECEIPTS.

For Rent and dues from Lodges, Chapters, &c.	$1,935 10	
" New Warrants	162 00	
" Dispensations, &c.	215 00	
		$2,312 10
" Rent Chestnut St. Hall		750 00
" " Third St. Hall		37 50
		$3,099 60

PAYMENTS.

For Int. on bond & mortgage.....		$200 00	
" Sinking Fund		4,000 00	
" Expenses, viz.: Gas.....	$90 20		
Constituting Lodge at Pottstown	47 25		
Bro. Remak for pro. services	169 37		
Lodge No. 218	100 00		
Salaries, G. Secretary.....	200 00		
G. Treasurer	50 00		
G. Tyler	43 50		
		700 32	
			$4,900 32
Amount payments exceeding receipts.....			$1,800 72
Balance due by Gr. Treasurer March 31st, 1851		$3,715 68	
do. do. June 30th, 1851..		1,914 96	
			$1,800 72

GEO. H. OLIVER, JOS. S. RILEY,
A. E. DOUGHERTY, GEORGE SMITH,
Committee.

PHILAD., Dec. 12th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1851.

RECEIPTS.

For proceeds of note discounted Southwark Bank		$1,181 00	
" Rent and dues from Lodges, Chapters, &c.	$644 50		
" Dispensations, &c.	243 00		
		887 50	
" Rent Chestnut St. Hall.....		575 00	
			$2,643 50

PAYMENTS.

For Interest on debt & loan		$1,150 72	
" Expenses Chestnut St. Hall,			
Taxes	$496 51		
" Hose fixtures	1 77		
		498 28	
" do. Third St. Hall,			
Gas	$74 60		
Coal	39 50		
Printing	78 00		
Parchment, &c.	64 00		
Printing	42 73		
Chairs	9 00		
Sashes & Aprons	1,718 90		
Map	4 00		
Taxes	240 75		
G. L. of N. Carolina	250 00		
Salaries,			
Gr. Secretary	200 00		
Treasurer	50 00		
Tyler	43 50		
		2,814 98	
			$4,463 98
Amt. of payments exceeding receipts			$1,820 48
Amt. due by Grand Treasurer June 30th, 1851		$1,914 96	
do. do. do. Sept. 30th, 1851		94 48	
			$1,820 48

GEO. H. OLIVER, GEORGE SMITH,
A. E. DOUGHERTY, JOS. S. RILEY,
Committee.

PHILAD., Dec. 12th, 1851.

A communication was received from John C. Conrad, Sr., against the action of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, in electing the W. Master from the floor, and on motion, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received from the Committee of Finance in relation to an application for aid by the President of the Orphans Masonic University of the State of Kentucky, stating that it would be improper for the present to give anything from the funds of the Grand Lodge, which communication was ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from Bro. C. H. Wiley, which on motion, ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

PHILADA., PA., Oct. 3d, 1851.

To Wm. Whitney, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—I have for sometime been expecting to see in this city, Bro. Alonzo J. Jenkins, the most worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina. This hope has prevented me from making, to you and to the Grand Lodge of Penna., a written acknowledgement for an act of kindness towards the Masonic Brotherhood of North Carolina, for I desired and expected to see the Grand Master of my State making, in person, a suitable return for the courtesy and liberality of the body over which you preside.

I have been disappointed in my wish of seeing Brother Jenkins, and therefore, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and truly representing what I know to be the sentiments of the Brethren in my State, I tender to you, and through you, to the members of the Grand Lodge my ever heartfelt thanks for the manner in which you have responded to my application for aid in behalf of a noble Masonic charity. I have received from your Treasurer the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars to be added to the fund now being raised in North Carolina for the endowment of a college in that State for the education, free of cost, of the sons of indigent Masons, and permit me to assure you, and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that I sincerely believe this act of liberality which does you so much honor will also be to you a source of lasting satisfaction.

I do not profess to a be a bright Mason in the sense in which the term is generally used, but I believe myself to have a true Masonic heart, and am an ardent advocate of the genuine cause

of Masonry. The principles of the Order are unchanging and eternal, but their practical application for the benefit of men must necessarily vary with the character of the times and the wants of society. In this great free and prosperous country where all honest occupations are protected by signal and impartial laws, and where all honest occupations thrive, the more physical necessities of your fellow men do not tax heavily our charitable resources, and under these circumstances I conceive it to be our duty to give especial attention to the mental wants of the community.

A small charity bestowed in the education of the boy, may prevent the necessities of larger charities for the comfort of the man with a family; and taking this view of things and actuated by a patriotic desire to be instrumental in the preservation of our happy institutions, the Free Masons of North Carolina have determined to erect a college, for the free education of the sons of poor Brethren. It is thus in the building of such a monument that they would apply much of their means, and the Grand Lodge of Penna., justly appreciating the object, have made a donation, which reflects credit on its members as Masons and as men, which will draw closer and render more durable the ties which bind them to the hearts of the Brethren in North Carolina, and which will make the name of the Keystone of our political arch a most conspicuous ornament in our Temple of Charity.

Be kind enough, Most Worshipful Master, to present to the members of your Lodge my fraternal regards and sincere wishes for their happiness and prosperity individually and as a society and to say to them that I regret my inability to mingle more freely with them. Accept also for yourself the assurance of my best wishes for your health & success, and of my grateful remembrance of your kind and courteous manner toward me as an individual.

Signed, C. H. Wiley.

The R. W. D. G. Master, Bro. Anthony Bournonville, treasurer of the Masonic Banquet, held on the 30th Sept., after the re-interment of the remains of Bro. Stephen Girard, arose and stated that a balance of $163 remained in his hands, which the Committee of Arrangement directed to be placed in the

Charity Fund of the G. L. of Penna. and agreeably to directions he now handed that amount over.

The R. W. G. Master, Bro. William Whitney, reported respecting the Washington Monument stone, and stated that it is at the yard of William Struthers and will be forwarded as early as practicable.

The following resolution was then offered by Bro. R. Stirling Wilson, and laid on the table for the present, viz.:

Resolved, that the salary of the Grand Secretary shall be increased to the amount of $1,250 per annum, commencing from St. John's Day next, Dec. 27th, 1851, payable quarterly in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

Bro. William English offered the following preamble and resolution which were adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS, at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held the 1st inst. the Grand Master was pleased to decide that a Past Master of a subordinate Lodge could not be received as proxy of his Lodge, and be entitled to vote in his own right also, therefore

Resolved, that the Committee on Landmarks be requested to inquire whether said decision is in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and with the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of the Order, and report their opinion to this Grand Lodge.

Bro. James Page, R. W. P. G. Master, read a full and able report on Bro. —— ——'s case of Lodge No. 224, at Danville, which was accepted and the following resolution appended thereto was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the expulsion by Danville Lodge, No. 224, of Bro. —— —— be set aside and that the said Brother be restored to his full standing as a Mason, as if such expulsion had never taken place; and that he cannot again be tried upon the charges simultaneously preferred against him, and that a copy of the report and this resolution be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the said Lodge in proper time.

Signed. JAMES PAGE.
WM. ENGLISH.
EDWARD I. MOTT.

On motion of Bro. Gustavus Remak the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Bro. —— ——'s appeal for their able report.

A lengthy report was received from the committee on the case of Bro. —— —— which was read (and filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge) after which Bro. Wm. Badger offered the following resolution on which no action was taken.

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Grand Lodge the charges against Bro. —— —— are not sustained by the proofs, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject referred to them.

After a full discussion of the subject, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That Bro. —— —— and all the members of the Grand Lodge be notified that his case will be brought forward.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27th, A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, R. W. G. Master.
" Anthony Bournonville, R. W. D. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" Geo. P. Little, R. W. D. G. Secretary.
" W. W. Thompson, S. G. Deacon.
" Robert McCulloch, J. G. Deacon.
" Henry Brunner, G. Steward.
" Charles B. Reese, do.

Bro. James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" C. Buckley, G. Pursuivant.
" O. Douglass, G. Chaplain.
" William Barger, P. G. Master.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Buckley, Blackburne, Maguire.
"	3,	"	Ashton, Bilger, Meteer.
"	9,	"	Brothers, Rigg.
"	19,	"	Justice, Bradley, Griscom, Thornley, Reynolds.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	45,	"	Rogers.
"	51,	"	Baggs, Whitney, Thomson, O'Neil.
"	52,	"	Smith, Ferguson.
"	59,	"	Jayne, Neeson, McMullin, Adams.
"	67,	"	Hutchinson, Baugh, Martien, Squibb, Reese, Conrad.
"	71,	"	Mayer, Hutchinson, Bladen, Myers, Van Collem.
"	72,	"	Barger, Colladay.
"	91,	"	Casey, Hinchman.
"	114,	"	Thomson, Clark, Steel, Baxter, Bruner.
"	115,	"	Phillips, Heylin.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, Smith.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Holzinger, Ziegler, Scheide, Maag, Osner.
"	126,	"	McCulloch.
"	134,	"	Booth, Stocker, Williamson.
"	130,	"	Easby, Lescure.
"	155,	"	Martin, Gaul.
"	186,	"	Scattergood, Little.
"	158,	"	Baird.
"	187,	"	McCahen, Bell, Wallis.
"	230,	"	Furlong, Taylor.
"	211,	"	Cartwright.
"	245,	"	Carr.
"	246,	"	Langer.

Thirty seven Lodges represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of Dec. 1st as relates to the election of officers was read and approved.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master delivered the following address which proved highly interesting to the Brethren, viz.:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:—

BRETHREN:—We have assembled together this morning on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, in accordance with our usual custom and in compliance with the requirements of our Constitution, for the purpose of installation of the officers elect, to serve in this Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on this day. Our thanks are due to Him who is the Ruler and Disposer of all things, that our lives have been spared, our health preserved, and so many of us have been permitted to meet together once more on so interesting an occasion.

Before entering on the discharge of those special duties, for which we have now come together, I would most respectfully crave your indulgence for a moment or two, while I address a few remarks to you.

Having been twice elected, through your kindness, to fill the important station of Grand Master in this Grand Lodge, I deemed it to be my duty at our last stated meeting, when the election of officers was about to take place, to decline a re-election. Your choice for my successor has fallen on one who has long been in the order, who is well acquainted with all the interests of the Craft, who has the good of Masonry at heart, and who I feel well assured, will endeavor, to the utmost, to discharge the duties of his high station to your entire satisfaction.

In a few moments more I shall step down from this pedestal, and take my place among those who have gone before me, and among whom are found many who have contributed so largely to the prosperity of this Grand Lodge.

During the time I have occupied this chair, it has been my wish and sole aim, so to discharge the duties thereof, as to claim your general approbation, while at the same time, I have, so far as the frailties of human nature would permit, endeavored to conform to, and have enforced, the rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge, as well as the ancient usages and customs of our time honored Institution. That some who are accustomed to meet us here and participate in our deliberations, have, on more occasions than one, been dissatisfied, I am free to admit: to deny it, would be to deny one's own senses.

My wish has been, while I have presided over this Grand Lodge, not to lay out or establish any new channels, through which might flow, in gentle streams, the benefits of our Order: but to follow in the long and well beaten paths and to maintain the same unimpaired, which were marked out with so much wisdom and care by those who have long since gone to their eternal homes, and which have been perpetuated from generation to generation down to the present time. That encroachments and deviations have been made by some, in former years, in regard to many of the ancient usages and customs of the Order, all must admit. It should be the sincere wish and desire of every true

Mason to live up to, follow, and be governed by the principles inculcated by our Order, and to walk in accordance with those rules which, if strictly adhered to, will make us all better men and Masons while we sojourn here upon earth, and render us more acceptable to Him who forever presides in the Grand Lodge above, and to whom we must all acknowledge obedience and submission.

Let us then, one and all, endeavor so to work and live, while on this earth, that all our doings may be such as shall at last gain us admittance into that Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect and Builder of the Universe forever reigns.

I think I can truly say, that at no former period of the history of our Order in this State, has our institution been in so prosperous and flourishing a condition as we find it at the present time. Numerous applications have been made for the revival of old Warrants as well as for granting new ones in various sections of our State. The recent public procession which took place in this city, and which was highly creditable to the Order, it is believed, has given an additional impetus to Masonry, and no doubt will be the means of producing an additional desire in the minds of hundreds, if not thousands, to be initiated into our mysteries, and become members of our subordinate Lodges. In my last address to you, one year since, I then recommended that the Lodges could not be too cautious, or guard too rigidly their portals, as to whom they admitted among them. I may be permitted again to repeat this caution.

The qualifications of every applicant cannot be too rigidly examined, and none should be admitted who do not possess, to the fullest extent, all the qualifications requisite to make them useful and valuable members of our Order. The greater number of members a Lodge can obtain does not, of necessity, make her the most useful, or, of necessity, add to her prosperity. I cannot but think, that there is, even at this time, more danger of some of our Lodges breaking down from having too many, than from too small a number of members.

There is another circumstance to which I would here beg leave to refer, viz: The practice prevailing among some members of the City Lodges, when they have been disappointed in obtaining office, to emigrate to other Lodges with the sole intention of obtaining preferment in the Lodge to which they may go. Let me say to the Brethren that this practice is all wrong, and I feel it to be my duty to urge upon the officers and members of the various Lodges, to discourage this bad practice as far as possible. The Ahiman Rezon, in reference to this matter, speaks as follows: "No set or number of Brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made Brethren, or were afterwards admitted members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous; nor even then, without a dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy."

There may be cases, however, where it would be advisable, and even commendable for a Brother to leave one Lodge and immediately join another, but it is believed by many of our Order, as well as myself, that this practice has prevailed to too great an extent during the past few years.

It was my intention to have made Grand Visitations to all the Lodges in

the City, as well as others within a reasonable distance, during the latter part of the past Masonic year; but I have been prevented from carrying out those intentions from unforeseen circumstances, over which I had no control. From personal observation. and from information obtained from others, I believe the greater portion of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are in a high degree healthful and prosperous, their meetings well attended, the ancient usages and customs of the order observed, and are dispensing true Masonic Charity, by the liberal extension of brotherly love and kindness towards one another, as well as relieving the wants of the worthy and distressed Brethren, as far as their means will allow. This is most cheering, and cannot but be gratifying to all true lovers of our Institution.

The subjects to which I would more especially call your attention at this time, as being of peculiar interest, are the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, the Girard Bequest, and the condition of the Grand Lodge, so far as it regards her Finances and Real Estate.

The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, as per Report of the Trustees, dated Dec. 1st, 1851, amounts to the sum of $4,512 12, which is invested in Masonic Loan, Gas Loan, and well secured Ground Rents. The Trustees also had on hand, on the day above named, ready for investment, the further sum of $350, making altogether a total of $5,862 12.

Besides this. there is a lot of ground in the village of Germantown, of considerable value, but which at present yields only the small annual income of ten dollars.

It has been the settled policy of this Grand Lodge, during the past few years, that the income from this fund should be specially set apart for the relief of such of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Masons as may stand in need, and be found worthy of participating from its benefits. Much good has already been done, and more, I trust, will be done hereafter, by granting proper aid to the objects I have already referred to; for who can be more worthy to claim our aid and sympathy than the widow and orphan, when he, to whom they would most naturally look for sustenance and comfort has received his final summons, and has been laid in the cold gloom of his grave.

I am happy to say that some handsome additions have been made to this Fund during the past year, and I do sincerely hope it will be a leading measure with the members of this Grand Lodge, not to rest satisfied. until this Fund shall equal, and become as useful, as that of the Girard Bequest.

The Girard Bequest.

The amounts invested belonging to this Fund remain pretty much the same as they were at the last statement made to the Grand Lodge.

The Trustees in their Report to the Grand Lodge at our quarterly meeting in June last, recommended an appropriation of the sum of $2,000 for distribution for the year, which was agreed to. Of this amount, there has been distributed, up to Dec. 22d, the sum of $1,895 00. Of this sum, 40 applicants, hailing from under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have received $1,330; and 29 hailing from foreign jurisdictions, have received the sum of $565, making a total, as above stated, of $1,895. This leaves a handsome balance in the hands of the Committee yet for distribution. Out of the number hail-

ing from under our own jurisdiction who have been relieved during the past year, *four* have paid the last great debt of nature. Of those remaining, many are becoming aged and infirm, and will require much attention from the Stewards of this Fund.

Great praise is due to the Brethren who have charge of this part of the Grand Lodge affairs, for the faithful and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the duties intrusted to them.

The finances of the Grand Lodge, according to the accounts as furnished by the proper officers, exhibits the following satisfactory condition.

RECEIPTS AND BALANCE.

Balance on hand, as per Report, Dec. 31, 1850		$3,885 35
Receipts from Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments, during the past year	$7,966 47	
Dispensations, Certificates, Warrants, &c	1,030 55	
Rent of Third Street Hall	285 00	
Rent of Chestnut Street Hall and Stores	4,384 84	
Proceeds of Note discounted at Bank	1,181 00	
Received on account of regalia furnished to subordinate Lodges	1,873 00	
		$16,720 86
Total		$20,606 21

PAYMENTS.

Interest on Grand Lodge debt	$3,049 44	
Invested to credit of Sinking Fund	7,835 50	
Expenses of Third Street Hall, taxes, repairs, fuel, gas, &c	1,475 02	
Expenses of Chestnut Street Hall*	747 66	
Regalia of Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges	2,822 52	
Music on the occasion of the re-interment of Brother Stephen Girard	499 00	
To pay note discounted at Bank	1,200 00	
Expenses to Pittsburg on the occasion of dedicating New Hall at that place	300 50	
Plans for New Hall on Chestnut Street	300 00	
Block of Marble for Washington National Monument	500 00	
Salaries of Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Tyler, for the first 3 quarters of the year	877 50	
Donation to Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, Lodge at Honesdale, and Brother Remak's bill	566 62	
		$20,182 76
Leaving a Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as per Report on the 24th, Dec. 1851, of		$423 45

* This does not include expenses on that building after Robinson left.

SINKING FUND.

The amount invested in this Fund, as per statement made last year, was	$27,458 47
Payments to Sinking Fund in 1851	7,835 50
Total amount of Sinking Fund at this time	$35,293 97

Two years ago, when I was first elected to this station, this Fund amounted to the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred dollars; so it will be perceived, that during the two years of my administration, this Fund has been considerably more than doubled.

The present exhibit of this Fund is highly gratifying to me, as I am sure it must be to every member of the Grand Lodge. If the prosperity of the Order in our State continues as it now is, there is every reason to believe, that in a few years more, the whole indebtedness of our Grand Lodge may be extinguished through this Fund.

The total indebtedness of the Grand Lodge remains the same as at this time last year, viz: $74,437 82. To meet this indebtedness, we have the present amount of the Sinking Fund, amounting to upwards of $35,000. Besides which, we have our two valuable properties, viz: our Hall in Chestnut Street, and the one which we now occupy. The former of these, I am sorry to say, has not yielded as large a revenue since March last, as it ought. This is mainly owing to the large amount of property, such as fixtures, &c., &c., belonging to the Grand Lodge, which were improperly removed by the late lessee, and the dilapidated condition in which Bro. —— left the building, at the time he was forcibly compelled to leave the premises.

The question has been much agitated among the Brethren, as to the practicability of tearing down the old Hall, and erecting a new and more commodious one on the rear of that lot. This whole subject was referred by a vote of the Grand Lodge, during the past year, to a Special Committee, who made their report, but on which there has, as yet, been no final action. My advice to you is, that a special meeting of the Grand Lodge be called at an early day for the purpose of taking up that report, and disposing of the whole matter. The Institution throughout our whole jurisdiction continues in a most prosperous and flourishing condition, and if we are only true to ourselves, and are governed by the true principles of the Order, I see no reason why we should not continue so for a long time to come.

During the last two years, sixteen new Lodges have been formed, and are now in successful operation. Two new applications were made at our last communication of the Grand Lodge, and no doubt will be granted; one of these is for Bellefonte, Centre County, and the other is for Lancaster County. The revival of the Lodge formerly held at Frankford, has also been asked for; but, inasmuch as the former members of said Lodge have not acted according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, no action has, as yet, been taken in the matter. The Warrants granted, as above alluded to, are as follows, viz:—

No. 244 at Kittanning, Armstrong Co.
" 245 " Doylestown, Bucks Co.

No. 246 at Kensington.
" 247 " Mansfield, Tioga Co.
" 248 " Tunkhannock, Wyoming Co.
" 249 " Carbondale, Lackawanna Co.
" 250 " Sharon, Mercer Co.
" 251 " Mercer, Mercer Co.
" 252 " Cookstown, Fayette Co.
" 253 " Pittsburg.
" 254 " Pottstown, Montgomery Co.
" 255 " Shamokin, Northumberland Co.
" 256 " Milton, Northumberland Co.
" 257 " Lawrenceville, Tioga Co.
" 258 " Conneautsville, Crawford Co.
" 259 " New Brighton, Beaver Co.

In addition to the above, a new Warrant was issued for Honesdale Lodge, No. 218. The original of that Lodge having been destroyed by fire in the early part of the year.

Every source of revenue of the Grand Lodge increases yearly, except the Chestnut Street Hall, which has yielded but little this year; this, as I have already said, is mainly in consequence of the lamentable condition in which the building came into our possession in March last. To put this building in a suitable condition to make it yield a reasonable rent, would require a very heavy outlay, which, in my opinion, would eventually prove a failure, or at least a useless expenditure of money.

This state of things will, I hope, induce the Grand Lodge to act promptly in whatever it may be her intention to do in regard to the Chestnut Street property.

I have thus briefly given you a statement of the finances and condition of this Grand Lodge, which cannot be otherwise than cheering to the heart of every member, and I can see no good reason to believe that this prosperity will not continue for many years to come, if the members, from the highest in office to the youngest member in the Order do but zealously and faithfully discharge the duties imposed upon them.

My duties in this chair have now ended; but before I step down from this pedestal, let me again return you, my Brethren, one and all, my sincere acknowledgments for the many obligations I am under to you, for the numerous favors you have from time to time bestowed upon me; and for the almost unanimous kindness and forbearance with which I have always been treated by you.

If, in the discharge of my duty, during the time I have presided over this Grand Lodge, I may, unintentionally have said or done anything, calculated to wound the feelings, I most sincerely regret it. It has been a great object with me to maintain, on all occasions, without "fear or affection," the proper dignity of the Grand Lodge, as well as that of the Chair, which I, unsolicited, had been called to fill. If, in the discharge of my duty, I have erred, let me ask you to remember, that "to err is but human: to forgive is divine."

A. Bourmonville

R. W. Grand. Master.

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Those present who were not Past Masters withdrew, when Bro. Anthony Bournonville was duly installed R. W. Grand Master, in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Bro. Jas. Hutchinson was then duly installed R. W. Deputy Grand Master in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed, received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Those Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally and duly installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, viz.:

Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Senior Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. G. Junior Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

Immediately after Bro. Anthony Bournonville, the Rt. W. Grand Master, had taken his station, he delivered the following neat and appropriate address.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Officers and Members of the G. Lodge.

BRETHREN:—The occasion of installing a brother into the high and responsible station of Grand Master is, apart from the fact that it occurs on the anniversary of the time-honored festival of St. John, by the imposing ceremonies under the ancient land-marks of the Craft, of signal importance to the Masonic Fraternity. Such an event is considered a fit occasion for reflection as to the past, and an expression of hope as to the future. In addressing, therefore, a few words to you, my Brethren, with profound gratitude for the distinguished honor you have been pleased to confer upon me, I am deeply impressed with the many difficulties that even the most experienced and able of the craft would have to encounter in the discharge of the onerous duties connected with that office, and I am fully convinced that the humble individual that has now the honor to address you will, *now more than ever*, have occasion to claim at your hands that kind indulgence which, for several years during his Masonic career, you, with truly fraternal generosity, have bestowed upon him. Whilst I am thus fully conscious of the feeble powers I am able to manifest in the discharge of my duties, it is a gratification to me to know that a steadfast and warm attachment for the Craft and its true interests, an anxious desire to see peace, harmony and good-will prevail among the members of the Grand Lodge have secured to me the unsolicited suffrages of my Brethren, and placed me into the highest position in their gift. Nothing can be dearer to my heart than this mark of your confidence, and to merit it and maintain it unimpaired until called upon to

descend from the elevated station and make room for a worthier successor, will be the great aim of my Masonic labors.

To err is but human, and the incumbent of this chair, who shares in common with his fellow-brethren this human frailty, will be entitled to the full benefit of this truthful adage; but his erring path may be a source of pleasant reflection and useful instruction if the bright luminaries in this august body—those that have largely drank from the inexhaustible fountain of Masonic knowledge, will not withhold their valuable aid and advice in the true spirit of Masonic kindness. And whilst upon this subject permit me to say, my Brethren, that nothing can be more repulsive to the spirit of our great brotherhood than unkindly feeling manifested, by word or deed, at any time during our Masonic relations. Whatever difference of opinion there may exist as to any subject agitated in this Grand Lodge, it should never be forgotten that the sacred tie which binds our hearts together in the mystic circle of brotherly love and affection admits of no discord; whilst it should ever be uppermost in our minds and hearts that the first claim an erring Brother has upon us is that beautiful token of Masonic excellence—*Charity*. I should be derelict in what I consider a conscientious discharge of my duties were I not to refer to an important, though delicate, subject, which has ever been a matter of anxious solicitude with me. Spread as our ancient brotherhood is over the entire inhabited globe, it would be a matter sincerely to be wished that steps be taken to establish perfect Masonic relations and recognition with all the children of this beloved family. Would it not comport with the high dignity and position of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to take some steps in this matter and bring the strayed children of Masonic faith in continental Europe into one fold? May the wise and experienced Brethren of this Grand Lodge ponder on this subject and propose some practical action with regard to it. Nor should we be idle and stand aloof when portions of the Masonic Fraternity in our own country are momentarily separated by honest differences of opinion which can be removed when the warm and kind hand of Masonic love is stretched out to re-unite them.

Do not our Brethren in the State of New York present a case in point?

I also desire to call your attention to the necessity of making some slight alterations and improvements in the Ahiman Rezon, the nature and character of which would be most properly brought before the Grand Lodge when the matter shall have been duly considered by a competent committee. Anxious and desirous to comply with all the requirements of our revered Constitution to its very letter, I simply suggest the alteration of such parts as have either become unnecessary or inoperative in the course of time.

Before closing these remarks, permit me to express the hope that when the anniversary, which we are this day celebrating, shall again return it will be our mutual pleasure to be assembled within the time-honored walls of that ancient structure endeared to so many of us for its numerous pleasing associations with the past history of our Craft in this city, and the many happy hours spent therein; or in a *new* and more spacious Hall, if the Brethren of this Grand Lodge in their wisdom consider that course more prudent and expedient and as tending to the best interests of the Craft.

Submitting these few remarks to your favorable consideration, let me join

with you in a most heartfelt wish for the continued prosperity of our beloved Craft.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then made the following appointments—viz.:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Junius B. Kaufman of City of Lancaster, for County of Lancaster.

Bro. Wm. B. Potts of Pottsville, for Counties of Schuylkill & Carbon.

Bro. C. P. Gummert of Brownsville, for Counties of Fayette & Westmoreland.

Bro. Geo. C. Welker of Sunbury, for Counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia & Montour.

Bro. Wm. Smith, Lock Haven, for the Counties of Clinton, Lycoming & Centre.

Bro. Saml. Houston of Towanda, for counties of Bradford, Wyoming & Susquehanna.

Bro. Saml. McKinley of Pittsburgh, for Counties of Allegheny & Armstrong.

Bro. Warren S. Woodward of Wilkesbarre, for Counties of Luzerne, Wayne & Pike.

Bro. Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for County of Berks.

Bro. Geo. K. Bain of Meadville, for Counties of Erie, Warren, Crawford & Mercer.

Bro. Bradley Mahanna, Waynesburg, for Counties of Washington, Beaver, Greene & Lawrence.

Bro. Wm. Heyser of Chambersburg, for Counties of Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin & Franklin.

Bro. John H. Berryhill of Harrisburg, for Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland & Lebanon.

Grand Chaplains.

Bros. Rev. John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, Orson Douglass, J. L. Burrows, H. W. Ducachet, Ezra S. Ely, Kingston Goddard, J. Brinton Smith, George P. McElroy, Robert Dishea Morris, J. Killekelly, M. P. Jameson.

Bro. Gustavus Remak, Sen. G. Deacon.

" Edward I. Mott, Jun. G. Deacon.

Bro. Charles B. Reese, } Grand Stewards.
" Henry Bruner, }
" Jas. B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword-bearer.
" Wm. S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Wm. B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Geo. D. Haswell, John Bradley, William Conrad, Thomas E. Baxter & Jas. Kelly.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. Geo. Smith, Jos. S. Riley, Geo. H. Oliver, Wm. W. Thomson & Danl. Thompson.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Geo. Griscom, Jas. R. Chandler, Wm. H. Klapp.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. James Page, Wm. H. Adams, Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE TRANSACTIONS OF LAST YEAR, AND SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. Wm. Clinton, Joshua Mitchell, John Miller.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Robert McCulloch, Harman Baugh, Washington Heimberger.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Bayse Newcomb, Jos. R. Chandler, Saml. H. Perkins.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Matthew Cartwright, David Rittenhouse, E. Barrington, W. E. Ewing, John Martin, Thos. Roney, E. P. Lescure, Robt. McCulloch, Jacob Steiner, Richard Vaux, John McCloud, John G. Sharp, John H. Casey, Abraham West, Townsend Smith, John Wagner, Gavin Watson, J. C. Yeager, Michael Bouvier, John Reynolds, Wm. Leach, Geo. Thompson, W. H. Maguire.

General returns were received and read from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, viz.:

Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 22, 25, 59, 61, 72, 75, 115, 125, 126, 130, 138, 148, 152, 186, 211, 219, 221, 222, 226, 231, 241, 242.

A communication was received from Jacob Mayer complaining of the action of Lodge No. 71, in electing their W. Master when on motion duly made and seconded, it was referred to a Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint P. G. M., Jas. Page, H. M. Phillips and Jos. M. Riley.

The Committee on By-laws made report on the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.: Nos. 190, 135, 228, 236, 245, 255, which was on motion approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, *Resolved*, that the address delivered by the late R. W. G. Master be referred to the Committee on Publication, and also the address of the present R. W. G. Master be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Bro. Geo. Griscom, the following resolution was offered.

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Publication, which resolution was laid on the table.

The R. W. Junior Grand Warden offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. is deeply impressed with a sense of the meritorious services of the R. W. G. M., Bro. William Whitney, not only as G. M. but also in all the Grand Offices which he has successively filled. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to him for the able, impartial, dignified and truly Masonic manner in which he has filled the station and performed the duties of R. W. Grand Master during the term of office which is now drawing to a close.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Lodge entertains the hope that his engagements will not prevent him from continuing out of office the advice and assistance which has been so beneficially rendered while in the chair and that he will be preserved in health and happiness until in a good old age of usefulness and honor he shall be called to the immediate presence of the Grand Master and Architect of the Universe.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be requested to present Bro. Whitney the above preamble and resolutions.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ to 1 o'clock, P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1st, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" G. Remak, R. W. G. Secretary, *pro tem.*
(Grand Secretary too unwell to attend.)
" F. Blackburne, R. W. D. G. Secretary.
" H. M. Phillips, S. G. Deacon, p. t.
" E. I. Mott, J. G. Deacon.
" Henry Bruner, G. Steward.
" Charles B. Reese, do.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Weight.
" 3, " Robinson, Bilger, Meteer, Carter, Thomson, Skerrett, King.
" 9, " Rigg, Leach, Kelly, Brothers, Thorp.
" 19, " Cummings, Hines, Wilson, Justice, Griscom, Thornley, Hodges, Bradley.
" 22, " Dewart.
" 25, " Benezet, Downing, Bray, Gilkinson, Keim, Dorrance.
" 45, " Noble, McKinley.
" 51, " Bouvier, O'Neill, Workman, Thomson, Whitney, Baggs.
" 52, " Yeager, Ferguson, Fitch, Pearson.

No.	59,	Bros.	McMullin, Neeson.
"	62,	"	Ancona, Stout, Bell.
"	67,	"	Weeks, Jones, Dunn, Reese, Baugh, Hutchinson, Squibb, Smith, Jos. Hutchinson.
"	71,	"	Golden, Hutchinson, Frismuth, Myers, Bladen, Jones.
"	72,	"	Peacock, H. M. Phillips, Chase, Thompson, J. A. Phillips.
"	91,	"	Saml. Badger, Wm. Badger.
"	114,	"	Thomson, Clark, Sharp, Young, Thompson, Baxter, Steel.
"	115,	"	Heimberger, Heylin, Phillips, Sickel.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, Mott, Frazer, Davis.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Ziegler, Remak, Maag, Osner, Steiner.
"	126,	"	Page, Hesser, Whetham, McCulloch.
"	130,	"	Riley, Shultz, Lescure, Piper, Strickland, Brown, Easby.
"	134,	"	Klapp, Roney, Williamson, Butler, Stocker.
"	155,	"	Clinton, Allen, McCully, Martin, Laws.
"	158,	"	Oliver, Jones, Baird.
"	186,	"	Corkrin, Gaskill, O'Farrell, Little, McIntyre.
"	187,	"	Bell, Purves.
"	190,	"	Cloud, Richards, Corman.
"	211,	"	Davidson, Dorlan, Hall, Haney, Cartwright, Page.
"	224,	"	Donaldson, Strawbridge, Easton, Bondman.
"	230,	"	Boyd, Furlong.
"	246,	"	Hyneman.
"	255,	"	Marshall.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master announced that Bro. Adams, the R. W. G. Secretary, was very unwell and had been unwell for some time, and that the reading of the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication would therefore have to be deferred.

The report in the case of Bro. Conrad was read and adopted and on motion of Bro. Remak the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject. The report is as follows:

In the case of protest of Bro. Conrad, a Past Warden of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, in relation to the election of Master of said Lodge, which was referred to the Grand Officers, they report that the said election be set aside on the ground of its illegality, and the Lodge be instructed to hold a new election, and fill any vacancy that may occur in consequence thereof.

PETER WILLIAMSON. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, G. M.
J. K. MITCHELL. JAMES HUTCHINSON.
JOHN THOMSON.

The resolution with reference to the increase of the salary of the Grand Secretary which was read Dec. 15th, 1851, was again read and the Grand Secretary was directed to give notice to the subordinate Lodges, agreeably to the Ahiman Rezon.

An application was received from a number of Brethren at Orrstown, Franklin County, for warrant for a new Lodge at that place. Referred to Grand Officers with power to act.

Report of committee on —— ——'s case. Bro. Badger stated that notice had been given to Bro. —— in compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master declared that under existing circumstances no action could be had on the report until the next Quarterly Communication.

The report of the committee in the case of Bro. ——'s of Danville Lodge, No. 224, which was acted upon Dec. 15th, 1851, was again read, and also a memorial.

On motion duly made and seconded, the memorial and proceedings of Danville Lodge, No. 224, were referred to the same committee who had Bro. ——'s case under consideration, viz.: Bros. Page, English and Mott.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 2 was presented, and on motion was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An alteration of the By-laws of Lodge No. 25 was also presented, and on motion referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 231 appointing Bro. Z. A. Davis to be proxy of said Lodge, which communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Davis acknowledged as proxy.

The following communication was read and the prayer of the petitioners was granted:

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23d, 1852.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of State of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned being Master Masons and members of No. 173 and No. 165 located at Lawrenceville in the County of Allegheny, Pa., which Lodges were suspended and the members thereof for ceasing to work and for non-payment of dues, and having paid to S. McKinley, D. D. G. M., five dollars each, which is we sincerely believe in full and more than we were indebted to the said Lodge at the time of its suspension. We therefore pray your R. W. body to restore us to our former position that we may enjoy the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Respectfully,

DAVID AIKIN, No. 173.
ADAM BAUSMAN, No. 165.
JAMES BAXTER, No. 165.

Bro. Robt. McCulloch presented certificates from the following Brethren, members of Lodge No. 61, appointing him their proxy in this Grand Lodge.

W. J. Woodward, P. M. A. M. Stout, W. M. John R. Dean, P. M. Andrew Yohe, S. W. Joseph Koons, J. W.

The R. W. G. M. decided that as the Ahiman Rezon requires the temporary proxy to be a member of the Lodge giving it, these proxies cannot be received or recognized; besides which, the jewels did not accompany the appointment.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren asking for a warrant for a new Lodge at Carlisle, to be called St. John's Lodge, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 143, appointing Bro. William H. Pearson, proxy for said Lodge, which was ordered to be filed and Bro. Pearson acknowledged.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren residing at York, York County, asking for a Warrant for a new Lodge at that place, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar petition was received from a number of Brethren residing at Providence, Luzerne County, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An alteration of the By-laws of Lodge No. 43 was received, and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren asking for a Warrant for a new Lodge at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following report and resolutions were read and adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The report of the committee appointed on the communication and appeal of Bro. Jacob Mayer of Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, respectfully sets forth,

That having given the parties interested notice of the time and place of meeting they were attended by all of them, and a number of the Brethren, members of the same and other Lodges whose statements were masonically made to the committee. From these it would appear that on the night of the annual election considerable excitement was manifested in the result of the ballot for Worshipful Master, which caused the Secretary's table to be surrounded while the tellers were counting off, in the course of which and when the votes stood 26 to 26 the box fell from the table was caught and the three ballots found therein. The tellers announced to the W. Master that fifty four votes had been polled, of which Bro. Mayer received 29 and Bro. Hutchinson 26 votes. Before the Worshipful Master communicated the result or any declaration was made by him that Bro. Mayer had been duly elected W. M., some of the Brethren rose, protested against the election alleging that there were more votes in the box than members present entitled to vote, and that ballots had been erroneously introduced into the box, which were wrongfully counted by the tellers. The W. M. thereupon ordered the roll to be called and it appearing that there were but 53 members present entitled to vote, while the box contained and the tellers reported 55 ballots, the W. M. set aside the election and ordered a new ballot, which (51 votes being polled) resulted in the election of Bro. Hutchinson as W. M. by a decided majority, who was on the same evening duly installed.

From the testimony produced on both sides it was clear that

when the box fell from the table it had in it but a single ballot, when it was returned again to its place there were three, which were counted by the tellers, all of them being for Bro. Mayer. Whether the single ticket which was in the box when it was overset, was one of three afterwards counted, is not so certain. It was also clear that the W. M. took pains to discover whether any error had happened; that on being satisfied something was wrong, he set aside the election, an act which seemed to meet with the general approval of the Lodge, and was not only acquiesced in by the Brethren, but no exception was taken by Bro. Mayer, or by any other Brother in the shape of complaint or protest. He remained in the Lodge the whole time taking part in the proceedings and voted on the second ballot for Worshipful Master, and permitted the successful candidate to be duly installed without objection on his part.

Admitting that he was elected by a majority of one vote on the first ballot, not exactly manifest although the fact may have been so, in the opinion of your committee he has by his acquiescence and participation in the after proceedings waived all claim to any right he then had and it is too late for him now to apply for relief, a relief which it is scarcely in the power of the Grand Lodge to extend. When it is recollected that in cases of election, loose tickets are generally found lying about the Secretary's desk, it may be that the ballots in this case got into the box by accident and not design.

The committee regretted to discover that there was manifested in the course of these proceedings in Lodge No. 71 a want of that brotherly love which should signally mark the conduct of Masons towards each other. Occurrences took place on the night of the election, which, however common they may be in political contests, are entirely out of place in, and discreditable to a Masonic body. The crowding around the table to watch the counting of the votes was disorderly and the W. M. would have consulted his own dignity, and the character of his Lodge, by directing the Brethren to take their places. Had he done this the unpleasant occurrences which have given rise to this investigation would have been avoided.

The partizan spirit in which the election seems to have been conducted is a matter deserving of censure. The preparing of tickets on paper of a particular color, which was resorted to as

if each Brother distrusted the honesty of his fellow, ought to be rebuked and condemned. It evinces a feeling always pernicious in its tendencies and must lead to unfortunate results if not checked in time. Whatever may be the suspicions and trickeries of the outer world, these should have no countenance or be permitted to get a foothold in the Lodge. There the proceedings should be conducted in a spirit of peace, confidence and brotherly love. Without such influences prevail and regulate us, the principles and obligations of Masonry have been taught and taken in vain.

The committee therefore came to the conclusion that Bro. Hutchinson is entitled to retain his seat as W. M. of No. 71, and that the protest of Bro. Mayer has not been sustained, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Signed. JAMES PAGE.
HENRY M. PHILLIPS.
JOSEPH S. RILEY.

The following communication was read and the accompanying printed report is filed in the archives.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22d, 1851.

R. W. Wm. Whitney, Esq., G. M.,

DEAR SIR AND BRO., Permit me to enclose you my report to the stockholders of Masonic Fund Society.

You will perceive that the Society is in a very fair condition but owing to a very large portion of its debt being now due and pressing, it becomes necessary that further sales of stock be made. I have addressed Bro. Adams as G. Secty. inclosing a copy with request to lay it before R. W. G. Lodge and solicit a further subscription upon the part of the Gr. Lodge to the stock of our society. I trust and sincerely hope you will give it your countenance and support. You can speak knowingly in regard to the hall, having seen it. It certainly will yield a fair return on the investment. Our Brethren here have done much and will do more and I trust the R. W. Gr. Lodge will deem it proper to consider the subject of a further subscription

worthy of being made. Should Bro. Adams, in the multiplicity of business overlook this matter I beg that you will do me the favor to bring it to the notice of the R. W. Gr. Lodge.

Truly and fraternally,

Signed. JAS. W. HAILMAN,
Prest.

On motion of P. G. M. William Whitney, and being duly seconded, the following resolution was offered and lost, viz.:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be authorized to invest one thousand dollars in the stock of the Pittsburgh Masonic Fund Society.

On motion of Bro. John Thomson duly seconded, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, to remove from us this day by death our beloved Brother, and one of the Chaplains of this Grand Lodge the Rev. Orson Douglass, whose zeal as a Mason was only equalled by his piety and benevolence, therefore be it

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge learn with deep regret the decease of Bro. Douglass and as a slight testimony to his memory that the jewels and furniture of the G. L. be clothed in the usual mourning until St. John's Day next.

On motion duly made and seconded, the consideration of the following resolution offered by Bro. Remak was postponed till next stated meeting.

Resolved, that so much of the regulations contained in the Ahiman Rezon as relates to a discontinuance of the practice of the G. L. rising at the entrance of P. G. Masters be, and it hereby is, repealed.

The communication from Chandler Lodge, No. 227, relative to the reduction of dues to the Grand Lodge which was read at the September Quarterly Communication, was again read, when on motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the resolutions relative to the reduction of dues to Grand Lodge submitted at September Quarterly Communication by Lodge No. 227 be made the special order for the next Quarterly Grand Communication, and that the R. W. G. Secretary be directed to give the notice required by the Constitu-

tion to all the members of the Grand Lodge and to the subordinate Lodges.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 P. M., till 3d Monday in March.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15th, 1852, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" J. K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" George P. Little, D. G. Secretary.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" M. Cartwright, J. G. Deacon.
" Charles B. Reese, } G. Stewards.
" Henry Bruner, }
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Joseph B. Klapp, G. Sword Bearer.
" A. P. Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" John Chambers, } G. Chaplains.
" R. Deshea Morris, }
" Badger, Perkins, Page, Read, Whitney, Newcomb, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 3, Bros. Bilger, Thomson, King, Meteer, Carter, Robinson, Webb.
" 9, " Thorp, McMullin, Riggs, Leach, Kelly, Dorsey.
" 19, " Childs, Patton, Wilson, Hodges, Hines, Bradley, Cummings, Justice, Griscom.
" 25, " Benezet, Bray.
" 51, " O'Neil, Fisher, Whitney, Read, Baggs, Thomson.
" 52, " Pearson, Ferguson.
" 59, " Getz, McMullin, Neeson, Jayne, Neill.

No.	67,	Bros.	Jones, Dunn, Simpson, Weeks, Squibb, Hutchinson, Reese, Hutchinson, Smith, Baugh.
"	71,	"	Van Collem, Hutchinson, Golden, Frismuth, Bladen.
"	72,	"	Fox, Phillips, Thomson, Chase.
"	91,	"	Manning, Hinchman, Sleeper, Saml. Badger, W. Badger.
"	114,	"	Baxter, Krider, Young, Bruner, Sharp, Clark, Thomson.
"	115,	"	Sickel, Heimberger, Phillips, Newcomb, Heyl.
"	121,	"	Davis, Leviestien, Mitchell, Fraser, Foering.
"	125,	"	Maag, Ziegler, Remak, Bournonville.
"	126,	"	McCulloch, Hand, Page.
"	130,	"	Lescure, Piper, Riley.
"	134,	"	Roney, Klapp, Williamson, Butler.
"	135,	"	McCully, Ogilby, Lowry.
"	155,	"	Martin, Allen, Clinton, Collins.
"	158,	"	McCully, Baird, Shields, Rickards.
"	186,	"	O'Farrell, Corkrin, Smith, Little.
"	187,	"	Bell, Wallis.
"	190,	"	Cloud.
"	211,	"	Haney, Page, Peale, Cartwright.
"	230,	"	Taylor.
"	246,	"	Hyneman, Michener.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of Dec. 1st, 1851, was read and after correction approved.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Communication Dec. 15th, 1851, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication Dec. 27th, 1851, were read and adopted.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren asking for a Warrant for a new Lodge at Columbus, Warren County, Pa., which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren asking for a Warrant for a new Lodge at Skinner's Eddy, Wyoming County, Pa., which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An appeal was read from Mr. —— —— against the action of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, in rejecting him on two several occasions. On motion duly made and seconded, the appeal was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. J. A. Phillips, H. W. Workman and W. Curtis on that committee.

A communication was received from the chairman of the Committee of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, inclosing a bill from Bros. Bayse Newcomb and George Griscom for professional services, rendered on account of the Germantown property, amounting to $150.00, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

The report of the committee on Bro. —— ——'s case being read Bro. Wm. Badger's resolution offered Dec. 15th, 1851, was also read.

Bro. James Kelly moved that 30 minutes be allowed Bro. ——'s counsel for his defence. This was on motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley amended by restricting the time to 10 minutes. The question being called for, the R. W. G. Master decided both motions to be out of order.

The resolution of Bro. W. Badger being seconded, he read a very lengthy memorial from Bro. ——, and a recapitulation of the evidence taken during the trial.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following resolution which was duly seconded.

Resolved, that the resolution offered by Bro. Badger be indefinitely postponed. The question being taken the vote was as follows: Affirmative 43, Negative 43. The R. W. G. Master decided the question on postponement to be lost.

Bro. Jos. S. Riley then moved to amend Bro. Badger's resolution, as follows: to strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert "That Bro. —— —— be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, for unmasonic conduct in taking away selling and destroying property, known to be the property of this Grand Lodge and unmasonic conduct towards this Grand Lodge, and its Officers." On motion, duly made and seconded, Bro. Riley's amendment just offered was postponed for the purpose of enabling Bro. Newcomb to offer the following preamble and resolution. WHEREAS, the report of the committee, and the memorial of Bro. —— having been

read and heard, and it appearing to the Grand Lodge that the facts of the case are such that a difference of opinion may have existed between the parties without intentional wrong on either side, therefore *Resolved*, that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the subject. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Newcomb's preamble and resolution were adopted.

Bro. Riley offered the following resolution which being duly seconded, was adopted. *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of selling the property of this Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street, and report at the Adjourned Quarterly Communication in April next. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren to serve on that committee: Bros. William Whitney, Joseph S. Riley, and Joseph Hutchinson. Bro. Riley offered the following preamble and resolution which being seconded was adopted. WHEREAS, the Ahiman Rezon declares that no proposition to diminish the dues of the subordinate Lodges can be entertained, until the debt of the Grand Lodge be reduced below the sum of $40,000. *Therefore be it Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be requested to report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge precisely how the indebtedness of this Grand Lodge now stands. How much there is due in Masonic Loans and any other form in which this Grand Lodge may now be indebted. Also, the amount and kind of funds and property that constitute the Sinking Fund and what kind of property the Grand Lodge now holds in her own right.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was read and ordered to be filed.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they would recommend that the words "any two of whom shall report the result of their inquiries in writing at the next stated meeting and if the" in the 1st Section of Art. IV. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 2, be stricken out, and the words "and if at next or a subsequent stated meeting their" be substituted therefor. That all of the 5th Section of the same Article after the words "if they exceed one year's dues" be stricken out and

the words "may be suspended or expelled" be substituted therefor, and that the said By-laws be then approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 43, be approved, and

That the amendments of the By-laws of Lodge No. 25, fixing their monthly dues at 37½ cents be approved.

Respectfully submitted by

JAMES PAGE,
WM. H. ADAMS,
R. FRAZER,
Committee.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted in the course of the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 11 o'clock, P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5th, 5852.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. do.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.
" William H. Pearson, D. G. Secty.
" John Bradley, S. G. Deacon.
" Joseph Hutchinson, J. G. do.
" Henry Bruner and Charles Bard Reese, } G. Stewards.
" Anthony E. Stocker, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" G. Parker Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" William Whitney, Peter Fritz, James Page, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Wright, Blackburne.
" 3, " Skerrett, English, Martin, Carter, Thomson.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach, Thorp.

No. 19, Bros. Griscom, Justice, Thornley, Cummings, Wilson, Bradley, Haswell, Bishop, Childs.
" 25, " Benezet.
" 51, " Thomson, Howell, Whitney.
" 52, " Patton, Fitch, Pearson.
" 59, " Neil, McMullin, Mason, Adams, Jayne.
" 62, " J. Bowman Bell.
" 67, " Reese, Jones, Smith, Laudenslager, Squibb, Simpson, Jos. Hutchinson, Jas. Hutchinson.
" 71, " Bladen, Meyers, Hutchinson, Frismuth.
" 72, " Thompson, Coleman, Ellis, Fox, Chase, Colladay.
" 114, " Bruner, Sharp, Clark, Thomson, Baxter.
" 115, " Heylin, Heimberger, Phillips, Sickel.
" 121, " Davis, Peterson, Frazer, Mitchell.
" 125, " Steiner, Osner, Bournonville.
" 126, " Page.
" 130, " Lescure, Riley, Strickland.
" 134, " Butler, Dusenberg, Klapp, Stocker, Williamson.
" 148, " Frick, Priestly.
" 155, " Fritz, Bacon, Martin, Allen.
" 158, " Baird.
" 186, " Corkrin, Farrell.
" 187, " Purvis, Bell.
" 190, " Zimmerman, Cloud, Richards.
" 211, " Cartwright.
" 246, " Michener.

Proxies, Wm. Whitney, Wm. H. Adams, James Page, Anthy. Bournonville, J. Steiner, Jas. Simpson, Peter Fritz, Z. A. Davis, R. S. Wilson, E. H. Butler, Jas. Hutchinson, Wm. W. Thomson, Geo. Thomson.

Forty Lodges represented Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of taking into consideration the removal to the Chestnut St. Hall, and directed the Grand Secretary to read the report of the Committee of Thirteen, adopted at the Quarterly Communication held June 2nd, 1851, A. L. 5851.

P. G. Master, Bro. William Whitney, rose and said with your permission R. W. G. Master I beg leave to submit a few remarks before the report is read. Permission being given he again gave his reasons for his decision in relation to country Lodges voting by proxy, and offered the following resolution which was seconded by Bro. G. P. Cummings:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to place upon the Minutes of that evening the whole of the decision given, and the reasons for the same.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley the foregoing resolution was postponed for the present.

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned a majority of the committee appointed at the last Adjourned Quarterly Communication for the purpose of enquiring into the expediency of selling the property of this Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street, beg leave to make the following report:

That, in accordance with the call of the Chairman, a meeting of said Committee took place on Thursday evening, March 25th, attended by all of the members, that after discussing for some time the subject matter referred to them, *circumstances transpired* which seemed to render it *imperative* that the meeting of the Committee should be at once adjourned which was accordingly done by the Chairman.

Your Committee are of the opinion that no good can possibly arise from having another meeting, or continuing in existence any longer said Committee. We would therefore respectfully beg leave to offer the following resolution and ask for its adoption.

Resolved, that the Committee, appointed at the Adjourned Quarterly Communication of March 15th to inquire into the expediency of selling the property of this Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY.
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON.

PHILADA., April 5th, 1852.

Brother Joseph S. Riley asked permission to offer a preamble and resolutions, with the understanding that they should be laid upon the table and no discussion to be had thereon. He then read the following preamble and resolutions which he handed to the Grand Secretary and placed upon the table agreeably to his request, viz.:

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge holds real estate to the value of from 120 to 130 thousand dollars,

AND WHEREAS, of that property only about the sum of $25,000 has been appropriated to Masonic uses and that by no means conveniently located to a vast majority of the Craft, and the balance of from $90 to $110,000.00, is suffered to be used by hireling proprietors for immoral, base and iniquitous purposes, by which this Grand Lodge has frequently been brought into vexatious, expensive and unprofitable litigation. Yea! even to the rending asunder the brotherly love and affection that should here always bind us together as a Band of Brothers.

Therefore be it Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed with power to dispose of all this real estate, subject to the approval and confirmation of this Grand Lodge, for the best price that can be obtained for the same.

Resolved, that the above Committee shall be, and they are hereby empowered, to call in the aid of an auctioneer or real estate broker under a fixed agreement for the services to be performed.

Resolved, that the above Committee be, and they are hereby empowered, to sell for cash, or cash and mortgages on the premises sold, or to let it out on ground rent, under proper stipulations as they may think most conducive to the interest of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then read the report of the Committee of Thirteen as printed and circulated amongst the Lodges and the members of the Grand Lodge.

Brother William English moved that the consideration of the subject in regard to removal be postponed. Which he afterwards withdrew.

P. G. Master, William Whitney, then offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that a special Committee of Five be appointed, to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers, with full powers to

act and carry into effect the recommendation of the Committee of Thirteen in relation to the Chestnut Street property.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley it was resolved, to postpone the consideration of the subject until the first Monday in May at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Lodges to be notified to that effect.

Brother Joseph S. Riley moved that his resolutions, &c., laid upon the table be printed and circulated with the notices of the Grand Lodge. Which motion was lost.

Brother Robert Frazer offered the following resolution which was adopted. *Resolved*, that a Committee of Three be appointed to report to this Grand Lodge the appropriate Regalia of the subordinate Lodges. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Robert Frazer, John Thornley and Jacob Laudenslager said Committee.

The Grand Secretary read the following report in answer to the resolution of Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered March 15th, 1852.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports, that the Grand Lodge owes		$60,000 00
To the holders of the Certificates of Loans and Debts as follows:		
4th Masonic Loan redeemable in 1840 at 6 per cent.	$20,000 00	
Masonic Debt of 1840 @ 6 per cent...	14,500 00	
do. do. @ 5 per cent. payable in 1835 now paying 6 per ct.....	19,000 00	
Masonic Debt of 5 per ct. now pay 6 per cent. to No. 9 and 59.....	500 00	
One Certificate of Debt payable in 1845 at 5 per cent. now paying six per cent.	6,000 00	
	$60,000 00	
Two mortgages on the Third Street Hall amounting to ..... as follows:		12,166 66

To Estate J. C. Fisher.....	$6,666 66	
To City Dancing Assembly.....	5,500 00	
	$12,166 66	
Owes the Gas Loan for manufacturing purposes as far as adjusted		2,271 16
Whole amt. of indebtedness.....		$74,437 82

The Grand Lodge owns the Chestnut St. Hall also Third St. Hall and held by the Trustees of the Real Estate.

The properties held in Chester and Germantown are in the hands of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The Sinking Fund is as follows, and was so reported by the Treasurer of said Fund at their last meeting March 26th, 1852.

179	Shares Masonic Loans and Debts at par...	$17,900 00
1	Certificate of do. Debt.....	6,000 00
$2,000	Kensington 6's cost	1,835 00
$1,000	Spring Garden 6's cost.....	1,000 00
$1,000	Pittsburg Masonic Fund Socys. Fund.....	1,000 00
$1,800	Southwark 5 per cents cost.....	1,539 00
$4,000	Southwark 6's cost	4,000 00
$2,000	City 6's do.	2,080 00
	Bal. in hands of Treasurer.....	552 39
	Amount	$35,906 39

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary, G. L. of Pa.

The Grand Secretary read the proceedings of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund agreeably to a resolution of said Board as follows:

PHILADA., March 26th, 1852.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund being called for this day at 4 o'clock, P. M., there were present Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Anthony Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Peter

Williamson, John K. Mitchell, John Thomson, William H. Adams, John Bradley, William W. Thomson, George D. Haswell.

The Minutes of the election held Jany. 5th were read and approved.

On motion, Bro. Anthony Bournonville took the chair for the purpose of organizing.

When on motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Samuel H. Perkins was chosen President, John Thomson, Treas. and William H. Adams, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting (Sept. 28th, 1849), were read and adopted.

The following statements made by the Treasurer were read and on motion were ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz.:

SINKING FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN THOMSON, TREASURER.

1850.		DR.	
Jany.	1,	To Cash paid Trustees of the Girard Bequest, Certificate of Loan of 1833	$6,000 00
Mar.	27,	To Certificate $2000 Kensington W. Works at 91¾	1,835 00
May	8,	To Cash paid Trustees of Lodge No. 51, 23 shares of Masonic Loan at par and int.	2,347 45
Augt.	18,	To Cash pd. for $1000 S. Garden Sixes @ 102	1,020 00
Decr.	27,	" do. " " Pittsburg Masonic Loan,	1,000 00
1851.			
Jany.	6,	" " " " $1800 Southwark Corporation 5's at $85.50	1,539 00
"	25,	" " " " $2000 City 6's @ $104,	2,080 00
Feby.	21,	" " " " Chapter No. 91, 3 C. M. L. and Int.....	303 00
June	3,	" " " " Southwark 6's at par..	4,000 00
		Balance	552 39
		Debits	$20,676 84

CREDIT.

1850.		
Jany. 1, Mar. 27, May 8, By Cash from J. Thomson, G. Treas.	$10,182	45
July 3, By Int. on Kensington Loan State tax off $2.36	44	98
Augt. 18, Decr. 27, By Cash from Grand Treasurer,	1,976	02
1851.		
Jany. 4, By Int. on Kensington Loan State tax $3 off	57	00
" 6, " do. S. Garden Loan State tax $1.50 off	28	50
Jany. 6, 25, Feby. 11, June 4, By Cash from Grand Treasurer	7,835	50
July 7, By Int. on Kensington Loan S.Tax off $3	57	00
" 8, " " S. Garden Loan, S. Tax off $1.50	28	50
" 8, " " Southwark 5 per cent. Loan	42	75
" " " " City Loan S. Tax off $3.00	57	00
Augt. 4, " " Pittsburg Loan to may 1st	20	40
1852.		
Jany. 5, " " Southwark 5 per ct. Loan S. Tax off $2.25	42	75
" " " " Southwark 6 per ct. Loan from June 3d	131	49
" 6, " " City Loan	57	00
" 9, " " Kensington Loan	57	00
" " " " Spring Garden Loan	28	50
Feby. 22, " " Pittsburg Loan	30	00
Total credit	$20,676	84

MARCH 26th, 1852.

Signed, JOHN THOMSON,
Treasr.

The Sinking Fund now consists of the following, viz.:

179	Shares Masonic Loans at par	$17,900	00
1	Certificate Masonic Debt do.	6,000	00
$2,000	Kensington Sixes cost	1,835	00
$1,000	Spring Garden do. do.	1,000	00
$1,000	Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society	1,000	00

$1,800	Southwark 5's cost	$1,539	00
$4,000	do. 6's do.	4,000	00
$2,000	City 6's do.	2,080	00
	Bal. in cash	552	39
	Total	$35,906	39

On motion a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at twenty minutes past ten o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3rd, 1852, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. do.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" George P. Little, Dep. G. Sec., p. t.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" John Bradley, J. G. Deacon.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Chas. Bard. Reese, } G. Stewards.
" Henry Bruner, }
" William S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
" Rev. Peter Van Pelt, G. Chaplain.
" William Whitney, James Page, Wm. Barger, Bayse Newcomb, John M. Read, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Knight.
" 3, " D. C. Skerrett, Geo. Carter, Geo. Thomson, English, Colladay, Robinson, Bilger, Webb, Meteer.

No.	9,	Bros.	Riggs, McMullin, Brothers, Leach, Kelly.
"	19,	"	Hodges, Thornley, Cummings, Bishop, Justice, Wilson, Cooper, Bradley.
"	21,	"	Carson.
"	22,	"	Walker, Pleasants, Martin.
"	25,	"	Downing, Benezet.
"	43,	"	Keller, Albright, Gormley.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Baggs, Workman, Read, Thomson.
"	52,	"	Fitch, Penison, Ferguson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Davenport, Neeson, Getz, McMullin, Jayne, McMullin, Neil.
"	62,	"	Beard, Hinnersholtz, Hawman, Bell, Riter.
"	67,	"	Simpson, Smith, Jas. Hutchinson, Weeks, Baugh, Jones, Dunn, Squibb.
"	71,	"	Bladen, Frismuth, Meyers, Golden, Hutchinson.
"	72,	"	H. M. Phillips, J. A. Phillips, Coleman, Chase, Barger, Ellis.
"	81,	"	Snyder, Squire, Fling.
"	91,	"	Manning.
"	114,	"	Clark, Coburn, Krider, Bruner, Baxter, Sharp, Thomson.
"	115,	"	Heimberger, Phillips, Shultz, Newcomb, Sickel, Heylin, Heyl.
"	121,	"	Davis, Leviestien, Smith, Frazer, Peterson.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Steiner, Buehler, Remak.
"	130,	"	Lescure, Shultz, Riley, Pascal, Clemens, Easby, Strickland, Brown, Piper, Logue.
"	126,	"	Page, McCulloch, Hesser.
"	134,	"	Butler, Pettitt, Mitchell, King, Klapp, Williamson.
"	135,	"	McCully, Lowry.
"	143,	"	Heyser, Armstrong.
"	155,	"	Allen.
"	158,	"	McCully, Shields, Oliver.
"	186,	"	McIntire, Little, Corkrin, Farrell, Barrington, Lewis.
"	187,	"	Wallis, Purvis.
"	190,	"	Cloud.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Page, Peall.

No. 216, Bros. Jas. K. Souder.
" 227, " Feger, Stout, Strickland, McDonald.
" 246, " Fry, Carr, Brock.

Proxies: No. 21, Bro. William English, no vote; No. 22, Bro. William Whitney, no vote; No. 43, Bro. William Barger, no vote; No. 45, Bro. Robert McCulloch, for postponement; No. 62, Bro. D. C. Skerrett, no vote; No. 70, Bro. Robert Frazer, for; No. 82, Bro. William H. Adams, did not vote; No. 106, Bro. William W. Thomson, for; No. 108, Bro. E. H. Butler, for; No. 138, Bro. William H. Adams, against; No. 143, Bro. William H. Pearson, for; No. 144, Bro. Gustavus Remak, for; No. 148, Bro. Anthony Bournonville, for (instructed); No. 153, Bro. R. W. Desilver, absent; No. 163, Bro. James Simpson, for; No. 164, Bro. William Barger, for; No. 197, Bro. Jacob Baughman, absent; No. 199, Bro. William H. Adams, vote not counted; No. 218, Bro. Harman Baugh, vacated; No. 219, Bro. Peter Fritz, absent; No. 220, Bro. George Thomson, for; No. 221, Bro. J. A. Phillips, for; No. 222, Bro. Leon Hyneman, absent; No. 223, Bro. John Thornley, no vote, power not sealed; No. 227, Bro. Joseph R. Chandler, absent; No. 229, Bro. James B. Wood, absent; No. 231, Bro. Peter Fritz, absent, Z. A. Davis, against; No. 232, Bro. John A. Gamble, absent; No. 233, Bro. Anthony E. Stocker, absent; No. 234, Bro. Jacob Steiner, against; No. 235, Bro. John Reynolds, absent; No. 237, Bro. John S. Hart, absent; No. 240, Bro. William Curtis, absent; No. 242, Bro. Ambrose J. White, absent; No. 248, Bro. R. Sterling Watson, for; No. 249, Bro. William S. Shultz, not voted; No. 253, Bro. James Hutchinson, not voted; No. 254, Bro. Alfred P. Hesser, for; No. 255, Bro. Stephen Taylor, absent.

19 Lodges represented by proxy, 35 by Lodges. Fifty-four Lodges represented by Lodges and proxies.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 237, at Washington, Pa., appointing Bro. John S. Hart of Lodge No. 134 their proxy. On motion the communication was received and filed and Bro. John S. Hart acknowledged as representative of said Lodge.

A similar communication was received from Lodge No. 233, at Pittston Ferry, appointing Bro. Anthy. E. Stocker their proxy. Which was agreed to.

A similar communication was read from Lodge No. 62, appointing Bro. D. C. Skerrett their proxy. Which was agreed to.

A similar communication was received from Lodge No. 70, at Athens, Bradford County, Penna., appoint Brother Robert Frazer proxy of said Lodge. Which was on motion agreed to and Bro. Rob. Frazer so acknowledged.

By special permission of the Grand Lodge the Committee appointed on the appeal of Bro. —— —— made the following report.

Which was accepted and the resolution appended thereto adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the appeal of Brother —— —— from the vote of suspension passed upon him by Lodge No 197, at Carlisle, and from the vote of acquittal of Brother —— by said Lodge respectfully report,

That they examined the matter submitted to them after notifying the parties, and giving them an opportunity of being heard, and although there was presented a mass of evidence and arguments on both sides, they found that the case itself was one of simple character and susceptible of an easy understanding. It appears that the appealing Brother became involved in difficulties.

The result of this was that some property a homestead, endeared to him by peculiar associations, which he was anxious to preserve for his family and alleged belonged solely to his wife, was sold under legal proceedings, and the other Brother became the purchaser of it and was by law entitled to its possession and enjoyment. This possession he sought and obtained, and in so doing ejected the other with his family, who were by it reduced to great exposure and suffering.

For so acting Bro. —— preferred charges of unmasonic conduct against Bro. ——, after which Bro. —— preferred like charges against Bro. ——, because Bro. —— had used harsh and abusive language and violent conduct towards him.

The Lodge suspended Bro. —— and acquitted Bro. ——.

Upon a consideration of the whole case it appears to your Committee that Bro. —— had a right to proceed and recover what was his by law; that in the manner of enforcing that right he exhibited a harshness not usual among Masons and did not forbear towards a suffering Brother as he should have done, but whether in endeavouring to redress himself he was guilty of that which warranted Masonic punishment, is a question involving many and nice considerations.

The exercise of unnecessary cruelty, even in a lawful pursuit would be unmasonic, but what would amount to that is an exceedingly difficult question to determine, depending on a variety of circumstances, and which your Committee do not feel it to be necessary to settle in this case. That the Brother whose family was turned out of doors and for a time remained shelterless, should become excited and perhaps temporarily deranged is not to be wondered at. But that he should be arraigned and prosecuted by his Brother Masons, for what was forced from him in the extremity of his woe and suffering, is really a matter of surprise. To apply the rack and force a groan and then punish the sufferer for groaning, may be the law of some organizations, but surely it is no part of the Masonic Creed. His was a case which required all the sympathy of his Brethren and if in the exercise of a lawful right Bro. —— was reduced to the hard measure of rendering him houseless, his Masonic feelings should have taught him thereafter, to spare him further annoyance, even if it did not prompt him to offer and extend relief.

Whether the property did or did not belong to the wife, or the proceedings were legal or illegal are matters, into which the Committee have no right to inquire.

There was a sale by the Sheriff and Bro. —— became the purchaser and as such was entitled to use the process of law to make his purchase available, and the presumption must be, until these proceedings are reversed by the proper tribunal, that they were all right.

The purchase by Bro. —— and his taking possession of the property are the acts complained of by Bro. ——, he alleging that Bro. —— knew the property belonged to his wife, and that he ought not to have bought, and being the buyer that he used great cruelty towards him and his family in getting possession.

Bro. —— denies that the wife had any interest in the property, that it was sold under execution by another, that he had a right to buy it if he pleased and it was the only mode left him of securing a portion of a debt due by Bro. ——, who had borrowed money of his father and further that he took possession after he had vainly tried to compromise with Bro. —— on reasonable terms, and that the harshness complained of was a necessity put upon him.

The whole proceedings shew bad and bitter feelings on both sides and to say that neither party was in fault, is not in the power of the Committee, there is much in the conduct of each for Masonic censure, for there is a marked absence of that Brotherly spirit, which should have governed in the unpleasant transactions, and taught forbearance and charity towards each other.

The Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the suspension of Bro. —— —— by Lodge No. 197 be and the same is hereby rescinded and the said Brother restored to his full standing therein and that the vote of acquittal of Bro. —— be approved and that it be recommended to Lodge No. 197 not further to notice the controversies between the said Brethren, but leave them to their legal remedies, if they cannot amicably settle their difficulties by arbitration or otherwise.

Signed. James Page,
Peter Fritz,
William Barger,
Committee.

April 27th, 1852.

The following resolution which was offered by Past G. Master William Whitney, April 5th, 1852, was called up, viz.:

Resolved, that a special Committee of Five be appointed to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers, with full power to carry into effect the recommendation of the Committee of Thirteen, in relation to the Chestnut Street property.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered a resolution to indefinitely postpone Bro. Whitney's resolution. P. G. Master Bro. James Page seconded Bro. Riley's motion and offered several resolutions as a substitute. The question on the postponement on a division the vote stood for or in the affirmative 74 and 77, in

the negative. On a question of the proxies sixteen voted in the affirmative, and two in the negative, making the vote stand thus: ninety for indefinite postponement and seventy-nine against it.

A communication from Lodge No. 223 was received and read appointing Bro. John Thornley, proxy of said Lodge but for want of the seal being attached the same was excluded.

Bro. Page read the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, that we deem it expedient at a fitting time to change the place of holding the meetings of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges from the hall in South Third Street.

Resolved, that the proper period for such change will have arrived when the Grand Lodge shall have entirely disposed of her real estate in Chestnut Street, paid off her whole debt, and finds herself in possession of money enough to enable her to purchase a lot and put up for cash and without borrowing, a suitable building for Masonic purposes only, in some central and convenient part of the City.

Resolved, that as it is not the object or intention of the Order to hold or accumulate more real estate than purely Masonic business purposes require, the harmony and dignity of the Grand and subordinate Lodges would be greatly promoted and permanently secured by the sale of the hall in Chestnut Street and the sale of the one in Third St. as soon as circumstances will permit.

Resolved, that a Committee of —— consisting of one member of each of the subordinate Lodges, whose meetings are at present held in the hall in Third Street, being members of the Grand Lodge be appointed, who shall, soon as a sale of the Chestnut St. property is effected, proceed to select a site for the purpose of erecting a new hall, first submitting the same for the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers are authorized and hereby instructed to effect a sale of the Chestnut Street property provided that they can obtain the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars, therefor. Bro. William English moved that the consideration of the foregoing resolutions be postponed until the Quarterly Communication in June next.

After considerable discussion, P. G. M. Bro. James Page offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the foregoing resolutions be printed and a copy thereof be sent to each of the subordinate Lodges, with notice that the subject of the Chestnut St. Hall will be taken up for consideration at a special Grand Communication to be called at the pleasure of the R. W. G. Master in September next.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

No further business, the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1852, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.
" William H. Pearson, R. W. D. G. Secretary.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" E. T. Mott, J. G. Deacon.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" J. B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" C. B. Reese, G. Steward.
" G. P. Cummings, G. Pursuivant.
" John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
" Barger, Page, Whitney,
Perkins and Fritz, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Weight, Blackburne.
" 3, " Carter, English.
" 9, " McMullin, Cropley, Leach, Kelly.
" 19, " Cummings, Justice, Wilson, Bradley, Haswell, Thornley, Thomson, Bishop.

No. 51, Bros. Baggs, Whitney, Workman.
" 52, " Ferguson, Pearson, Fitch.
" 59, " Neil, McMullin, Smith, Jayne, Davenport, Adams, Neeson.
" 67, " J. Hutchinson, Reese, Weeks, Baugh, Squibb, Simpson, Jo. Hutchinson.
" 71, " Meyers, Balden, Hutchinson, Van Collem, Golden, Frismuth.
" 72, " Chase, Thomson, Barger.
" 81, " Snyder.
" 91, " Manning, Hinchman, Perkins.
" 114, " Clark, Sharp.
" 115, " Heyl, Heylin, Phillips, Heimberger.
" 121, " Mott, Davis, Mitchell.
" 125, " Bournonville, Remak, Becker, Ziegler, Steiner.
" 126, " Hand, Page, McCulloch, Hesser.
" 130, " Riley, Piper, Easby, Lescure.
" 134, " Williams, Klapp, Butler, Stocker.
" 135, " Lowry, Ogilby, McCully, McClenachan.
" 155, " Martin, Laws, Allen.
" 156, " Tombelson, Housekeeper.
" 158, " Baird, Shields, Oliver.
" 186, " Corkrin, Farrell, Russell.
" 187, " Wallis.
" 190, " Cloud, Fulforth.
" 211, " Davidson, Peall, Haney, Hall, Cartwright.
" 236, " Larkins.
" 245, " Carr.

Proxies, No. 21, Bro. Wm. English; No. 22, Bro. Wm. Whitney; No. 43, Bro. Wm. Barger; No. 45, Bro. Robt. McCulloch; No. 61, Bro. R. S. Wilson; No. 108, Bro. E. H. Butler; No. 138, Bro. Wm. H. Adams; No. 143, Bro. Wm. H. Pearson; No. 144, Bro. G. Remak; No. 148, Bro. A. Bournonville; No. 163, Bro. Jas. Simpson; No. 164, Bro. Wm. Barger; No. 199, Bro. Wm. H. Adams; No. 219, Bro. Peter Fritz; No. 220, Bro. G. Thomson; No. 226, Bro. James Page; No. 231, Bro. Z. A. Davis; No. 233, Bro. A. E. Stocker; No. 234, Bro. Jacob Steiner; No. 239, Bro. G. D. Haswell; No. 244, Bro. G. P. Cummings; No. 248, Bro. R. S. Wilson; No. 253,

Bro. Jas. Hutchinson; No. 254, Bro. A. P. Hesser; No. 260, Bro. W. H. Klapp.

Twenty-nine represented by Lodges, twenty-five by proxies, fifty four Lodges represented by Lodges and proxies. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7¼ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Grand Communication Mar. 1st, 1852, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Communication, Mar. 15th, 1852, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Communication, Apr. 5th, 1852, were read and approved.

The Minutes of May 3d, 1852, were read and approved.

A letter was read by the Grand Master from the W. M. of Lodge No. 186, announcing the death of Bro. Wm. Stephens and inviting the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to attend his funeral; when the R. W. S. Grand Warden, Bro. Peter Williamson rose, and offered the following preamble and resolutions, which on motion, being duly seconded, were adopted—

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events in His wise Providence to take from among us, our respected friend and brother, P. G. Warden, William Stephens, with whom we have been long and intimately associated, whose many virtues as a citizen, and noble qualities as a Mason, have endeared him to us by the strongest ties; and while we bow in humble submission to the Divine decree, we are constrained to express our feelings, and sincerely mourn the loss of one whose absence from our midst fills us with sadness, and to add to the general regret our testimonial to his merits as a true and faithful member of our Order.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that in the death of Past Grand Warden, William Stephens, we are called upon to mourn the loss of a worthy friend and Brother, whose memory will be cherished with respect and affection.

Resolved, that in testimony of our respect, the implements of the Grand Lodge be continued in the emblems of mourning for the space of three months, and that, on tomorrow afternoon, we will pay the last sad tribute of respect by attending his funeral in a body.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered on the Minutes

of this Grand Lodge and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 61, appointing Bro. R. S. Wilson their proxy in this Grand Lodge; another from Lodge No. 218, appointing Bro. Harman Baugh; another from Lodge No. 239, appointing Bro. Geo. D. Haswell; another from Lodge No. 240, appointing Bro. William Curtis; another from Lodge No. 244, appointing Bro. G. Parker Cummings, and another from Lodge No. 260, appointing Bro. William H. Klapp to be proxies for the respective Lodges. Which communications were received and ordered to be filed and the Brethren respectively named therein acknowledged as proxies for the Lodges appointing them.

An application was received from a number of Brethren at Clarion, Clarion County, Pa., asking for a Warrant for a Lodge at that place. Referred to Grand Officers, with power to act.

The following communication was then read.

Extracts from the Minutes of Lodge No. 106, held at Williamsport, January 7th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved, that the Grand Lodge be and is hereby petitioned, and earnestly solicited to grant a dispensation authorizing this Lodge to take a third ballot upon the application of —— —— for Initiation and Membership, who has been twice rejected by this Lodge by a single vote, to wit: the 17th of July, A. D. 1848, and on the 13th of Sept., A .D. 1848.

Resolved, that Mr. —— having continued to reside amongst us, his worthiness is known to, and unquestioned by any member of this Lodge; that his rejection by a single vote was undoubtedly under a mistaken impression of the true character of the applicant.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions under the seal of this Lodge be transmitted to the proxy of this Lodge in the Grand Lodge, with the request that he bring the same before the Grand Lodge as early as practicable.

Resolved, that this Lodge request the Grand Lodge to remit the amount of Grand Lodge dues charged by this Lodge against the following named members, who have been suspended for non payment of dues, to wit: * * * and that the proxy of

this Lodge be requested to urge upon the Grand Lodge a compliance with this resolution.

WHEREAS, Bro. J. H. Fulmer, S. W. elect has declined serving, therefore be it resolved, that application be and the same is hereby made to the R. W. G. M. of Pennsylvania for a dispensation to hold an election for the purpose of electing a Senior Warden, for the current Masonic year, to supply the vacancy created by the declination of Bro. Fulmer.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and compared copy as taken from the Minutes of the Lodge No. 106, passed at a meeting held January 7th, 1852, 5852. Witness my hand and seal of said Lodge at Williamsport this 9th day of April, 1852, 5852.

HEPBURN MCCLURE,
Secty.

[SEAL]

The above communication having been read the following resolution was on motion, and duly seconded, adopted.

Resolved, that on Mr. ——'s making a new application to Lodge No. 106 for Initiation and Membership, said Lodge is authorized to receive the same and take a new ballot on said applicant, according to the Ahiman Rezon.

On motion of Bro. Riley the consideration of the remainder of the above communication was indefinitely postponed.

The following report was then read and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to report upon the appropriate Regalia of subordinate Lodges, in attending to the duty assigned them, find a great want of uniformity to exist among the various Lodges; there being the most marked differences in the shape, color and materials of the collars and aprons in use, and in the form of a jewel worn by Past Masters. The result of which is to produce a very motley appearance in the Grand Lodge, and greatly to enhance the price for which the same article could be procured were all made to one pattern.

The Past Master's jewel now in use consists of the extended compasses inclosing either the sun, or a five pointed star, as the wearer chooses and of a form or device most pleasing to his

fancy, placed on the square or on a segment of a circle, or on both. In the opinion of your Committee the compasses, the sun and the five pointed star, are emblems belonging to the officers and past officers of the Grand Lodge, and should be worn only by them.

In their examination of the subject, your Committee have been favorably impressed with the consistency and simplicity of the Regalia of subordinate Lodges as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of England, and would recommend it to the consideration of this Grand Lodge. But in so doing they think it by no means advisable to compel those Lodges and Brethren already supplied to discard that which they have and procure new; but merely to establish a standard for that hereafter to be procured, which will in time bring about that uniformity so much to be desired.

They would further recommend the adoption of a rule, that not only the officers but the Past Masters of subordinate Lodges should therein, as well as in the Grand Lodge, wear their proper insignia. They therefore offer the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the Regalia of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penna. procured from and after the passage of this resolution shall be as follows, to wit:

Aprons.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide and twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of sky blue rosettes at the bottom, and blue strings.

Master Mason.—The same with sky blue lining and edging, one inch and a half deep on the bottom and sides, and one inch deep at the top and around the flap, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

Officers.—Master Mason's apron with the emblems of their offices in silver, or white, in the centre of the apron.

Master.—The Master Mason's apron with the emblem of his office, in white or silver, in the centre, and, in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles;

the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron.

Past Master.—The same as the apron of the Master of the Lodge, with the Past Master's emblem in white or silver in the centre.

JEWELS.

Master.—The square.

Past Master.—The square and the diagram of the 47th Prop. 1st Book of Euclid, engraved on a silver plate, pendent within it.

Senior Warden.—The level.

Junior Warden.—The plumb.

Treasurer.—The keys crossed.

Secretary.—The cross pens.

Deacons.—The dove.

Masters of Ceremony.—The cross rods.

Tyler.—The sword.

The above named jewels to be in silver, and suspended from the neck by a light blue ribbon.

Resolved, that no Brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge without the Regalia appropriate to his rank.

Resolved, that these resolutions be printed and a copy furnished by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge under this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ROBERT FRAZER,
JOHN THORNLEY,
J. LAUDENSLAGER,
Committee.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges No. 258, No. 260 and No. 262 were received, read and referred.

A petition was received from Mr. —— —— stating that he had applied for Initiation to Lodge No. 19, and was twice rejected; not, as he believes and is ready to prove, on account of his standing in society, but merely because he is an Israelite, and praying that he may be restored to standing by this Grand Lodge, as if he had never made application to Montgomery Lodge, No. 19. Which petition was read, filed and referred to

a special committee. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren as that Committee: Bros. J. A. Phillips, R. Vaux, and H. S. Getz. Bro. Phillips declining, Bro. E. Barrington was appointed to act in his place.

A petition was received from —— —— stating that his expulsion from Lodge No. 130 was irregular and unjust, he not having sufficient notice to meet the charges against him, and asking that the Grand Lodge may appoint a Committee to inquire into the whole matter. Which petition was read, filed and referred to a special Committee. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren on that Committee: Bros. Peter Fritz, D. C. Skerrett and James Simpson.

The following report was then read and the subjoined resolution having been amended on motion of P. G. M. Perkins by adding the words, "provided the members have special notice" was adopted.

To A. Bournonville, Esq., R. W. G. M., and to the Officers and Members of the G. L. of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— complaining of having been rejected on his application for Initiation and Membership in Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Pottsville, respectfully report,

That they proceeded to the discharge of their duties having first notified the officers of the Lodge and Mr. —— and also the Brother who cast a black ball against him to appear before them, or to send any written communication they wish to make. From the testimony of many respectable Brethren your Committee are of opinion that Mr. —— is a man of good repute and no reason whatever has been shown against his fitness to be a member of the Order; the Brother who voted against him assigned no reason to your Committee, but entrenched himself behind his Masonic right to do what he did, and your Committee believing Mr. —— to be a proper person to become a Mason, recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

J. A. Phillips,
H. Weir Workman,
William Curtis,
Committee.

Philada., Mar. 25th, 5852.

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted to Lodge No. 216, at Pottsville, to have another ballot for —— ——, a candidate for Initiation and Membership therein, provided the members have special notice.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report, which was adopted.

To the Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws of Lodges No. 240 and 256 and would recommend that the 1st Section of Article VI. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 240 be stricken out and the following substituted.

"1. Fees.—The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz.:

For conferring the three degrees by dispensation.....	$15 00
For Initiation and Membership.....	15 00
For the admission of a Brother who has received the first degree in another Lodge.....	10 00
For the admission of a Brother who has received the first and second degrees in another Lodge.....	5 00
For the admission of a Master Mason.....	3 00

That the words "but membership shall not be continued to any one owing a year's arrears" be stricken out of the 3d Art. That the 4th Section of Art. VI. be stricken out, and the following substituted: "A member in arrears for one year's dues shall be notified of the same by the Secretary, who shall report such notice to the Lodge at its stated meeting following. If within two months after such notice the dues of said member be not paid, he may be suspended or expelled, of which fact he shall be notified by the Secretary."

That to the 4th Section of Art. XII. the following be added: "The foregoing rules of order may at any time be dispensed with by the presiding officer." That to the 12th Section of the same Art. be added "excepting in cases of election of officers." And that the said By-laws be then approved.

That there be added to the 4th Art. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 256, the words, "excepting in cases of election of officers." That Sec. 4 of Art. XI. be stricken out. That XII. be stricken out and the following substituted, viz.:

"Sec. 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz.:

For conferring the three degrees by dispensation.....$15 00
For Initiation and Membership..... 15 00
For the admission of a Brother who has received the first degree in another Lodge..... 10 00
For the admission of a Brother who has received the first and second degrees in another Lodge..... 5 00
For the admission of a Brother Master Mason..... 1 50

"Sec. 2. Every petition for Initiation and Membership shall be accompanied by five dollars, to be returned to the applicant in case of his rejection, but in case of his approval to be retained on account of his initiation fee."

That all after the words, "or remitted by the Lodge" be stricken out and the following substituted "he may after having been duly notified thereof be suspended or expelled." And that the said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted by

JAMES PAGE,
WM. H. ADAMS,
ROBT. FRAZER,
Committee.

APRIL 5th, 1852.

The following communication from Elisha Whittlesey, Esq., relating to the Washington Monument Stone was then read and ordered to be filed.

Washington National Monument Office,
MAY 29th, 1852.

Dr. Anthony Bournonville, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Masons.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 22d inst. addressed to his Excellency Millard Fillmore, President *ex officio* of the Washington National Monument Society together with one bearing date the 5th Dec. last from a Committee of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Penna., were duly received by the President. I am requested by the President and Board of Managers to communicate to you that the splendid block of marble thus handsomely presented has been received at "Monument Place" and will be assigned a position in the great national edifice it is

intended to adorn, becoming the standing of your ancient and noble Order. I am also desired to present to you, and through you to the officers and members of said Grand Lodge the sincere thanks of the officers and managers of the Monument Association for the magnificent memorial so worthy of representing the Masonic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the National Monument to Washington, as an evidence of their regard and admiration and fraternal love for him who is so justly designated as the Father and Benefactor of his Country and the human race.

Most sincerely and respectfully yours,

ELISHA WHITTLESEY,
Gen. Agt.

A petition was received from Bros. James Harner, Jr., Joseph Moore, Joseph S. Kite, J. English, G. M. Jenning, M. Matlack and Adam Bender, asking for the revival of Lodge No. 131, which was referred to a special Committee of Five. The R. W. G. was pleased to appoint the following Brethren on that Committee, Bro. W. Barger, S. Badger, Jas. Page, J. S. Riley and Geo. H. Oliver.

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The following petition was received, read and referred to the last named Committee of Five.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The petition of the subscriber respectfully sheweth:

That he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Industry Lodge, No. 131, and that he continued a member thereof up to the time of surrendering its charter to the Grand Lodge in the year 1837.

The petitioner has lately been informed that an application has been or will be made to the R. W. Grand Lodge to revive the charter of said Lodge, and he is very desirous of being reinstated with it, but upon examining into the matter he finds that dues to the amount of $32 are standing against him on the books of the Grand Lodge.

The petitioner would further respectfully represent that Industry Lodge, No. 131, was unfortunate in the selection of a Secretary for some years previous to the surrender of the Warrant, and he is confident that his account does not truly represent the amount of his indebtedness. He reiterates his desire of becoming once more a member of the Order in good standing but begs to state that his circumstances are such that he is unable to pay the amount above mentioned; he however feels able and willing to pay the annual contribution as required by the By-laws of the Lodge.

The petitioner therefore respectfully prays that you will remit the said sum of thirty two dollars which stands against him on the books and place him once more in good standing, so that he may unite with his Brethren in the labors of Masonry in reviving and sustaining his old beloved Industry Lodge, No. 131.

And the petitioner will every pray, &c.

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Special returns were received from Lodge No. 216, announcing the election of Bro. John F. Whitney to the office of W. Master, and Henry L. Cake to that of S. Warden, for the remainder of the term, and ordered to be filed.

Special returns were received from Lodge No. 226. Ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from Bro. Andrew Irvine (W. M. of Lodge No. 241) complaining that Mount Moriah Lodge at Jamestown, N. Y., entered, passed and raised —— ——, having full information that the applicant had been twice rejected by Lodge No. 241, and asking an investigation of the matter. Referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Newcomb, Whitney and Stocker on said Committee.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 153, announcing that the regular meetings of said Lodge have been changed from the second Monday to the third Monday evening of every month.

A communication dated Waynesburg, Feb. 20th, 1852, and signed by Bro. James M. Chalfant and eleven other Brethren appealing from the decision of Lodge No. 153 in the case of

Bro. —— ——, charged with * * *, and praying that a new trial may be granted by this Grand Lodge was received, read and referred to a special Committee.

A paper was also received, dated Waynesburg, Feb. 27th, 1852, and signed —— ——, protesting against the said appeal which was read and referred to same Committee. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Thomas M. Pettit, E. P. Lescure, and H. S. Patterson on said Committee.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received since May 22d, 1851, the date of their last report from interest and investments of the Bequest the sum of $2,111 38
To which add balance in bank at date of last report.. 1,396 49
Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the R. W. G. Master for the use of the Committee the sum of 2,035 75

Leaving a balance in bank at this date to the credit of the Bequest of $1,472 12

There has been no change in the securities or investments since the last report of the Trustees.

The receipts of the Bequest since the date of the last report (May 22d, 1851), have been as follows and from the following sources, to wit:

1851.				
July	5, 6 mos. int. on $3000 U. S. 6's.....			$90 00
	7, do. $2500 Spring Garden Loan	$75 00		
	Less State Tax deducted.....	3 75		
				71 25
	" Dividend on Masonic Loan.....			762 00
	9, 6 mos. int. on $4000 Kensington Water Works	$120 00		
	Less State Tax deducted.....	6 00		
				114 00

Aug. 13,	6 mos. int. on $776.72 State 5's.....		$18 44
1852.			
Jan. 5,	do. $3000 U. S. 6's.....		90 00
"	do. $2500 Spring Garden Loan	$75 00	
	Less State Tax deducted.....	3 75	
			71 25
17,	Dividend on Masonic Loan.....		762 00
"	6 mos. int. on $4000 Kensington Water Works	$120 00	
	Less State Tax deducted.....	6 00	
			114 00
May 28,	6 mos. int. on $776.72 State 5's.....		18 44
			$2,111 38
	Balance in bank at date of last report....		1,396 49
	Total		$3,507 87

The payments of the Bequest since the date of the last report have been as follows and for the following purposes, to wit:

1851.		
Aug. 12,	Cash pd. on order of R. W. G. M. for use of Com. No. 3	$375 00
Sept. 19,	County Tax on $6500 investment.....	35 75
Oct. 15,	Cash pd. on order of R. W. G. M. for use of Com. No. 4.....	575 00
Dec. 31,	Cash pd. on order of R. W. G. M. for use of Com. No. 1 (1st ¼ of '52).....	600 00
1852.		
Apr. 13,	Cash pd. on order of R. W. G. M. for use of Com. No. 2.....	375 00
Mar. 19,	Balance of order of R. W. G. M. for use of Com. No. 1.....	75 00
		$2,035 75
	Receipts as above	$3,507 37
	Balance in bank to credit of Trustees May 28th, 1852, say fourteen hundred seventy two 12/100 dollars..	$1,472 12

In view of the productive character of the investments and the flourishing condition of the Fund, the Trustees are of opinion that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge can safely appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1st, 1853.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, WILLIAM WHITNEY,
PETER WILLIAMSON, JACOB STEINER,
Trustees of the G. Bequest.

MAY 28th, 1852.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

A report in reference to the appeal of Bro. —— —— was read and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject and the subjoined resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient to reconsider its decision setting aside the sentence of expulsion passed against Bro. —— —— by Danville Lodge, No. 224, or to rescind any portion of said decision relating to the charges against that Brother.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged.

All which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES PAGE,
WM. ENGLISH,
EDWARD T. MOTT,
Committee.

PHILADA., June 7th, 1852.

On motion of Bro. Wm. English being duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that so much of the report and resolutions of the Committee on Regalia as relates to the Regalia of the subordinate Lodges shall take effect on and after St. John's Day next.

The following resolution offered Dec. 15th, 1851, and then laid on the table was called up and adopted.

Resolved, that the salary of the Grand Secretary shall be increased to the amount of $1250 per annum, commencing from

St. John's Day next, Dec. 27th, 1851, payable quarterly in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

The following resolution offered by Bro. Remak was taken up and adopted.

Resolved, that so much of the regulations contained in the Ahiman Rezon as relate to a discontinuance of the practice of the Grand Lodge rising at the entrance of P. G. Masters be and is hereby repealed.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Ohio and Missouri, which were referred to the Committee on Publication.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

General returns were received from the following Lodges. Ordered to be entered and filed.

Lodges Nos. 43, 45, 51, 52, 60, 62, 67, 71, 81, 91, 106, 108, 114, 121, 134, 135, 144, 148, 152, 153, 164, 187, 190, 194, 197, 199, 203, 211, 216, 218, 220, 222, 223, 225, 228, 229, 230, 231, 234, 235, 238, 239, 240, 243, 246, 247, 250, 251, 252, 253, 255, 256.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ before eleven o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, September 6th, 1852, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Anthony Bournonville, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. Sr. G. Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. Jr. G. do.
" John Thomson, R. W. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, R. W. Secretary.
" William English, Sr. G. Deacon, p. t.
" James Simpson, Jr. G. " p. t.
" George P. Little, Dep. G. Secretary, p. t.
" William Carr, G. Sword Bearer, p. t.

Bro. James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Henry Bruner, G. Steward.
" John S. Benezet, "
" William M. Martin, G. Pursuivant.
" Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
Bros. William Barger, William Whitney and James Page, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Wright, Maguire, Graham, White.
"	3,	"	Colladay, Carter, Bilger, Skerrett, Meetier, Thomson, Martin, English, King.
"	9,	"	Rigg, Leach, Kelly, McMullin, Dorsey.
"	19,	"	Bradley, Justice, Patton, Haswell.
"	25,	"	Benezet, Downing.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Howell, Thomson, Baggs, Syz.
"	52,	"	Smith, Ferguson, Fitch, Pearson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Neeson, McMullin.
"	67,	"	Hutchinson, Baugh, Smith, Jones, Squibb, Field, Weeks, Simpson.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Hutchinson, Jones, Frismuth, Golden, Bladen, Van Collem.
"	72,	"	West, Barger, Thompson.
"	81,	"	Snyder.
"	91,	"	Casey, Hinchman, Manning.
"	114,	"	Bruner, Krider, Sharp, Thomson.
"	115,	"	McCloud, Heyl.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, Smith, Davis.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Ziegeler.
"	126,	"	Hand, Page, McCulloch.
"	130,	"	Easby, Lescure, Riley, Strickland.
"	134,	"	Roney, Klapp, Williamson, Stocker.
"	155,	"	Martin.
"	158,	"	Oliver, Shields, Jones.
"	186,	"	Smith, Little, Lewis, McIntire, Farrell, Gaskill.
"	187,	"	Albertson, Wallace, Bell.
"	190,	"	Cloud.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Peall, Page.
"	230,	"	Taylor, Boyd.
"	245,	"	Cave.

Proxies: No. 21, Bro. William English; No. 22, Bro. William Whitney; No. 43, Bro. William Barger; No. 45, Bro. Robert McCulloch; No. 138, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 143, Bro. William H. Pearson; No. 148, Bro. Anthony Bournonville; No. 163, Bro. James Simpson; No. 164, Bro. William Barger; No. 199, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 220, Bro. George Thomson; No. 226, Bro. James Page; No. 231, Bro. Z. A. Davis; No. 233, Bro. Anthony E. Stocker; No. 239, Bro. George D. Haswell; No. 253, Bro. James Hutchinson; No. 242, Bro. Ambrose J. White; No. 260, Bro. William H. Klapp.

Forty-six Lodges represented, twenty-eight by Lodges and eighteen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample and Solemn form at ¼ past 7 o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 7th, 1852, A. L. 5852, were read and adopted.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges No. 148, No. 155, No. 186 and No. 241, also additions to the By-laws of Lodge No. 71 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following resolution offered by Bro. William English was read and approved, viz.:

Resolved, that the Committee on By-laws be authorized to receive and examine the revised By-laws of Lodge No. 3 and if the Committee approve of said By-laws that the Lodge be permitted to act under the same. Said approval to be concurred in by the Grand Officers.

An application was received from a number of Brethren at York, York County, Penna., asking for a Warrant for a Lodge at that place. Referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received from a number of Brethren at Susquehanna, Susquehanna Co, Penna., asking for a Warrant for a Lodge at that place. Referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following communication was read and ordered to be entered and filed, viz.:

From Franklin Lodge, No. 134. WHEREAS, a copy of certain resolutions was offered by P. G. Master Bro. James Page, at an Adjourned Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Penna., held May 3d, 1852, has been transmitted to this Lodge by the R. W. G. Secretary:

Therefore Resolved, that the said resolutions with regard to the sale of the Chestnut St. Hall and lot and the building of a new hall meet the cordial approbation of this Lodge.

Resolved, that the W. M., together with the Wardens of Franklin Lodge, 134, be instructed and the P. M. requested to advocate and vote for the adoption of the said resolutions.

Resolved, that a copy of the preamble and resolutions duly signed by the W. M. and Secretary be transmitted by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge to the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Which the Lodge ordered.

B. M. Dusenbery,
W. M.

[L. S.]

Attest: Joshua Mitchell,
Secretary.

A special return was read from Lodge No. 62. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 156, Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A special return was read from Stichter Lodge, No. 254. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A special communication was received from Portage Lodge, No. 220. Which was ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read from Lodge No. 242 and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers to take into consideration and report a plan, viz.:

To the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Whereas, the work of the Order has become so different in different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Therefore Resolved, that the Lodge consider it highly essential and necessary to the well being and prosperity of the Craft within said Jurisdiction that a Grand Lecturer should be sent out from the Grand Lodge at least once every two years.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand

Lodge under the hand and seal of the W. M. attested by the Secretary and Seal attached.

WILLIAM LILLY,
"[L. S.]" *W. M.*

HIRAM WOLF,
Secy. Carbon Lodge, No. 242.

Printed communications were received from the Grand Lodges of the States of New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts giving the names of the Grand Officers elect. Which were ordered to be filed.

The following charge which was accompanied by letters was read and on motion was referred to a Committee of Three Past Masters from Allegheny County, Pa. viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

I charge Brother —— —— of Washington Lodge, No. 253, with gross unmasonic conduct and ask that action may be taken to relieve the Fraternity of the odium attached thereto.

Signed. —— ——,
Washington Lodge, No. 253.

The letters alluded to, one was from the D. D. Grand Master Bro. Samuel McKinley, the other one was from the Brother making the charges.

The following from the Stewards of the S. G. C. Fund was read and referred to the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, viz.:

Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Stated Meeting, Augt. 9th, 1852.

The following alteration to Article 8th of the rules and regulations was called up and unanimously adopted and the Secretary directed to lay the same before the Grand Lodge, to wit:

Resolved, that Sec. 8 of the rules for government of Stewards be understood to extend to the funeral expenses of any poor and respectable Brother, who was a member of a Lodge under this Jurisdiction at the time of his decease, and in such case the Stewards may appropriate (in the usual manner) any sum not exceeding fifty dollars for such purpose.

The following report was read, viz.:

PHILADA., Sept. 6th, 1852.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned a Committee appointed by the R. W. G. Master to enquire into the matter sent from Waynesburg Lodge have duly examined the papers handed them and find that the whole matter is now under investigation in a court of justice.

They therefore respectfully report as their opinion that Waynesburg Lodge had better wait until the decision of the court and then take proper action in the matter.

Fraternally and truly yours, &c.,

Signed. JOSHUA MITCHELL,
E. P. LESCURE,
HENRY S. PATTERSON,
Committee.

On motion action on the foregoing was suspended and the Committee continued until the decision of the court was known.

The following report was read and on motion ordered to be filed, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they have examined the several By-laws referred to them and recommend that the alterations and additions to the By-laws of Lodge No. 71 be approved.

That the words "two thirds" in Article 11th of the By-laws of Lodge No. 148 be stricken out and the words "a Majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the addition to the By-laws of Lodge No. 155 be approved.

That from the revised By-laws of Lodge No. 186 the words "But should there be one or more ballots cast against his admission then he shall be rejected and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit such rejection to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible" occurring in Section 1 of Art. 4 be stricken out and in place thereof the words "he shall without delay notify the Grand Secretary of the rejections of applicants for Initiation and Membership" be inserted in the second Section

of Art. 3rd after the words annually. That the figures ⅔ds in Art. 8 be stricken out and the words "a majority" be substituted and that said By-laws be approved. That from Section 1, Article 5 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 241 the words "Every person initiated in this Lodge shall pay for the first degree ten dollars, five dollars of which shall accompany his petition, for the second degree two dollars, for the third degree three dollars" be stricken out and the words "Every person initiated in this Lodge shall pay the sum of fifteen dollars, five dollars of which must accompany his petition" be substituted. That the words ("but membership shall not be continued to any one owing a year's arrears") in Section 1st of Art. VI. of said By-laws, and all the second Section of said Article be stricken out and the words "and any member one year in arrears may after being duly notified thereof be suspended or expelled" be substituted therefor. That from Section 1 of Art. XI. the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the words "a majority" be inserted. That the words "excepting the election of officers" be inserted in Section 1 of Art. VIII. after the word "Lodge." That from Section 2 of said Article the words "the Ahiman" be stricken out. That the whole of Section 12 of said Art. be stricken out and the following substituted. "The W. M. may dispense with or vary the foregoing rules and order of business and excepting in case of election of Officers shall have the casting vote, where there is an equality of votes." And that said By-laws be approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 260 be approved.

That from the first Article of the By-laws of Lodge No. 262 all after the words "March" be stricken out. That the words "with the consent of the Lodge" be stricken out from Art. II. That the words "excepting in case of election of Officers" be added to Art. III. That from the Second Section of Art. VII. all after the word applicant be stricken out and the words "who reporting favourably he may be balloted for and if unanimously elected shall be initiated," substituted. That Article IX. be stricken out and the following substituted.

"The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation....$20 00
" Initiation and Membership 20 00

For the admission of brother Masons as follows:

" the admission of an E. A. M.	10 00
" " " " " F. C. M.	5 00
" " " " " M. M.	1 00

That from Sec. 1 of Art. XIX. be added the words "Provided said deceased Brother or his friends shall have requested such attendance." That to Article XXIII. be added "This order of business may be dispensed with by the presiding officer," and that the words "two thirds of the members" be stricken out from Article XXIV. and the words "Majority of the members present" be substituted. And the said By-laws be then approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. JAMES PAGE,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

The following reports from the Committee of Finance were read and on motion were ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

The report of the Committee of Finance for the quarter ending Decr. 31st, 1851.

Receipts from the following sources:

From Lodges for dues, &c.		$1,985 80
" " for Aprons and Sashes		1,873 00
" " new Warrants		319 00
" Dispensations, Certificates, &c.		227 00
		$4,404 80
" Chestnut St. Hall	$1,044 12	
" do. stores	690 72	
" Third St. Hall cellars	75 00	
		1,809 84
Total receipts this quarter		$6,214 64

Disbursements for the quarter are—

For Aprons and Sashes for subordinate Lodges	$713 25	
For parade fixings and G. Officers' Regalia	390 37	
		$1,103 63

For Fixtures G. Master's room.....	$53 50	
" Gas bill 3d St. Hall.....	53 66	
" Printing	15 00	
" Incidental expenses 3d St. Hall.....	83 73	
" Interest paid this quarter.....	530 00	
" Amount paid for Washington Monument block of marble.....	500 00	
" This amount to pay note.....	1,200 00	
" " for 3 plans of Hall.....	300 00	
" " sum paid for 7 bands of music..	499 00	
" " " paid Grand Officers' expenses to Pittsburg	309 50	
" Salaries G. Secty. G. Treasr. and G. Tyler	293 50	
		$4,941 51
Receipts exceeding disbursements this sum.....		$1,273 13

Balance in hands of the Treasurer $1367.61, Jany. 1st, 1852.

Report of the Committee of Finance for the quarter ending March 31st, 5852.

Receipts from the following sources, viz.:

From Subordinate Lodges and Chapters, &c.	$4,839 75	
" Dispensation and Certificates.....	378 00	
" New Warrants	308 00	
" Aprons and Sashes	30 00	
" Chestnut St. Hall	1,050 77	
" do. stores and rent of shop,	600 00	
Total receipts		$7,206 52

Disbursements for the same period, viz.:

For Int. on our indebtedness paid.....		1,117 72
" Repairs Chestnut St. Hall.....	$31 73	
" Taxes do. do.....	424 76	
" Water rent do. do.....	18 00	
		474 49
" Gilding batons, Girard parade.....		15 00
" Printing		43 25

For	Postage on proceedings of G. Lodge	$1 98
"	Water rent 3d St. Hall	10 00
"	Gas bill do.	92 56
"	Counterfeit money	17 00
"	Attorneys' fees	150 00
"	Salaries G. Secty. G. Treasr. and G. Tyler	295 00
"	Repairs 3d St. Hall	36 07
		$2,253 07

Receipts over expenses this quarter, $4,952.95.

Amt. of receipts over disbursements	$4,952 95
" due G. Lodge last quarter	1,367 61
Bal. in hand of G. Treas.	$6,320 56

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, JOSEPH S. RILEY, WILLIAM W. THOMSON,
GEORGE H. OLIVER, DANIEL THOMPSON,
Committee.

PHIL., June 7th, 1852.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasr. for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending June 30th, 1852.

RECEIPTS.

For	Lodge dues, rent, &c.	$2,820 90	
"	Chestnut St. Hall including front stores, &c.	1,271 38	
"	Third St. Hall	112 50	
"	New Warrants	182 00	
"	Dispensations	269 00	
			$4,655 78

PAYMENTS.

For	Girard obsequies	$162 00
"	Repairs	100 66
"	Insurance furniture	135 00
"	Sinking Fund	6,391 36

For Interest on Kidd's bond.....	$200 00	
" Salaries Grand Treasurer, G. Secy. and G. Tyler	522 00	
" Incidental expenses	213 21	
		$7,724 23
Amt. of payments exceeding receipts.....		$3,068 45
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$3,252 11

Respectfully submitted,

Signed. GEORGE SMITH, DANIEL THOMPSON,
JOSEPH S. RILEY, WILLIAM W. THOMSON,
Committee.

The following report was received and the resolutions thereto appended were adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from Bros. Joseph Moore, James Harmer and others praying for the revival of the late Lodge No. 131 also a communication from Bro. —— —— asking for the remission of certain dues by him owing to the said Lodge at the time she surrendered her Warrant respectfully report,

That at a meeting held by them for the purpose of discharging their duties the said applications were read and duly considered and it appearing that at the time of the suspension of Lodge No. 131 (a result produced by circumstances which more or less affected all the subordinate Lodges in the State and from the pressure of which many of them applied for and obtained relief at the hands of the Grand Lodge) she complied with the requisitions of the Ahiman Rezon and surrendered her Warrant, books, papers and jewelry to the R. W. G. Lodge. They are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted believing that it will result in good to the Order and practically in no way affect the pecuniary interest of the Grand Lodge as some of the old members desiring a resuscitation have paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer more than the sum which could be realized on the

granting of a new Warrant they are further of opinion that the dues of Bro. —— should be remitted, his circumstances putting it beyond his power to discharge them.

They therefore offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the warrant of said Lodge be restored and revived in the usual form and the dues charged against her at the time of the suspension be remitted.

Resolved, that the dues of Brother —— —— standing against him at the time of the suspension of the said Lodge be remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM BARGER, JOSEPH S. RILEY,
JAMES PAGE, GEORGE H. OLIVER,
SAMUEL BADGER,

Committee.

PHIL., Augt. 6th, 5852.

The following communication was read but not being in form was ordered to be sent back for correction.

NEW BRIGHTON, BEAVER CO., PA., April 29th, 1852.

To George Smith, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—You are hereby empowered to represent Union Lodge, No. 259, as their proxy in the Grand Lodge of Penna. to vote for and attend to the duties of the said Lodge in all matters representing their interest and the interest of Masonry in Grand Communications until further instructed to the contrary.

JOHN SARGENT,
W. M.

JOHN KING,
Secty.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 242 appointing Bro. Ambrose J. White the proxy of said Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed, and Bro. Ambrose J. White duly acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

The following was offered by Bro. William M. Martin and on motion it was laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, that the resolution authorizing an increase of salary for the R. W. Grand Secretary be and the same is hereby repealed.

Brother John McIntyre the W. M. of Lodge No. 186 in a very feeling and appropriate manner announced the decease of Brother John Korkrin a P. M. of said Lodge and extended an invitation to attend his funeral on Wednesday morning next at 9 o'clock. Which invitation was accepted.

On motion a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9½ o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20th, 1852.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.
" George P. Lyttle, Dep. G. Secty.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" John Bradley, J. G. Deacon.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" John Thornley, G. Marshal.
" C. B. Reese, } G. Stewards.
" Henry Bruner, }
" Robert McCulloch, G. Pursuivant.
" Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
" Samuel H. Perkins, Joseph R. Chandler, William Barger, Jas. Page, Peter Fritz, and William Whitney, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Blackburne, Graham, Maguire, Wright.
"	3,	"	Kerr, English, Hall, Dillman, Helverson, Colladay, Zorns, Martin, Skerrett, Thomson, King, Webb, Bilgar.
"	9,	"	How, Kelly, Leach, Rigg, McMullin, Cropley.
"	19,	"	Childs, Wilson, Reynolds, Bradley, Justice, Hodges, Thornley, Cooper, Bishop, Haswell, Park, Hines.
"	21,	"	Lamberton, Park, Benyhill.
"	22,	"	Pleasant.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	43,	"	Keller, Gormley, Wentz, Albright.
"	51,	"	Bouvier, Thomson, Ashmead, Howard, Syz, O'Neil, Whitney, Howell.
"	52,	"	Fitch, Engard, Wagner, Pearson, Ferguson, Simons, Smith, Patton, Yeager.
"	59,	"	Adams, McMullin, Davenport, Neeson, Campbell.
"	61,	"	Pettibone.
"	62,	"	Hennersholtz, Hawman, Beard.
"	67,	"	Jas. Hutchinson, Jos. Hutchinson, Robt. Hutchinson, Conrad, Wilson, Reese, Smith, Laudenslager, Simpson, Baugh, Hamilton, Squibb, Dunn, Weeks, Montgomery, Wagner, Simons, Jones.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Bladen, Golden, Van Collum, Hutchinson, Frismuth.
"	72,	"	Gibson, Davis, Phillips, Chase, Clinton, Coleman, Fox, H. M. Phillips, West, Moore, Barger.
"	81,	"	Squire, Snyder, Bitton.
"	91,	"	Casey, Manning, Sleeper, Hinchman, Perkins.
"	106,	"	Lenhart, Packer.
"	114,	"	Clark, Sharp, Thomson, Baxter, Krim, Boyd, Housekeeper, Thompson, Bruner, Steel.
"	115,	"	Heylin, Heimburger, Phillips, Shultz, Young, Heyl, McCloud.
"	121,	"	Davis, Smith, Mitchell, Leviestien, Campbell, Foering, Frazer.

No. 125, Bros. Bournonville, Wollenweber, Steiner, Scheide, Aichternach, Osner, Ziegler, Remak.
" 126, " Page, McCulloch, Hesser, Hand, Jackson.
" 130, " Riley, Easby, Brown, Strickland, Lescure, Logue, Piper, Clemens, Watson, Chandler.
" 134, " Williamson, Klapp, Hart, King, Stocker, Butler, Booth, Pettit, Roney, Dusenberry.
" 135, " McCully, Lowry, Bramble, Ogelsby.
" 138, " Seltzer.
" 144, " Frick.
" 155, " Martin, Bacon, Allen, Waters, Fritz.
" 158, " Kugler, Roberts, Baird, Oliver, Barnstead, Shields, McCully.
" 186, " Little, Smith, McIntyre, Farrell, Finney, Stewart, Klapp, Barrington, Lewis, Russell.
" 187, " Wallis, Loeser, Bell, Coates, McCahen, Rittenhouse, Wilkinson.
" 190, " Seibert, Kite, Rossitter, Richards, Cloud.
" 199, " Krebs, Henderson.
" 211, " Peall, Dorlan, Page, Haney, Cartwright.
" 216, " Cake, Souder.
" 224, " Donaldson.
" 227, " Feager, Donnell, Strickland, Ancona.
" 230, " Boyd.
" 246, " Hyneman.
" 248, " Smith.
" 260, " Blumenthal.

Proxies: No. 45, Bro. Robert McCulloch; No. 70, Bro. Robert Frazer; No. 82, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 108, Bro. E. H. Butler; No. 143, Bro. William H. Pearson; No. 148, Bro. Anthony Bournonville; No. 163, Bro. James Simpson; No. 164, Bro. William Barger; No. 218, Bro. Harman Baugh; No. 219, Bro. Peter Fritz; No. 220, Bro. George Thomson; No. 221, Bro. J. A. Phillips; No. 222, Bro. Leon Hyneman; No. 226, Bro. James Page; No. 227, Bro. Joseph R. Chandler; No. 231, Bro. Z. A. Davis; No. 233, A. E. Stocker; No. 234, Bro. Jacob Steiner; No. 235, Bro. John Reynolds; No. 237, Bro. John S. Hart; No. 239, George D. Haswell; No. 248, Bro. R. S. Wilson; No. 253, Bro. Joseph Hutchinson; No. 254, Bro. Alfred P. Hesser; No. 260, Bro. George Smith.

Forty-three Lodges represented by members, twenty-five Lodges represented by proxies, making in all sixty-eight Lodges represented.

Bro. James Page's resolution in relation to the Chestnut Street property being under consideration the following No. 1 of the resolutions was adopted without amendment, viz.:

Resolved, that we deem it expedient at a fitting time to change the place of holding the meetings of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges from the hall in South 3rd Street.

Bro. Page's resolution No. 2 then came under consideration when Bro. Gustavus Remak offered the following amendment, viz.:

Resolved, that the proper period for such change will have arrived when the Grand Lodge shall have paid off her whole debt and finds herself in possession of enough money to enable her to put up for cash a suitable building for Masonic purposes on Chestnut Street lot. Bro. Peter Fritz offered the following as an amendment to the amendment (which was accepted). Or if practicable so to alter and improve the present hall in Chestnut Street so as to render it suitable for Masonic purposes. On the question the amendments were adopted. Bro. John K. Mitchell moved to postpone indefinitely the whole resolution which was adopted.

Bro. John K. Mitchell then offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that in our opinion it is expedient to erect an edifice suitable for Masonic purposes on the Chestnut Street property.

With the permission of the Grand Lodge Bro. James Page withdrew resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5.

The following resolution offered by Bro. E. P. Lescure and seconded by P. G. M. Bro. Jos. R. Chandler, was read and adopted.

Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed to devise and report to the Grand Lodge plans and estimates and the ways and means for carrying out the resolution adopted this evening relative to the construction of a new hall for Masonic purposes.

Bro. William Whitney offered a resolution that the Grand Officers be added which was lost.

Brother Lamberton offered resolutions in relation to the cele-

bration of the 4th of Nov. the day on which the Immortal Washington was Initiated as a Free Mason. As this meeting was for a special purpose the R. W. G. Master put the question as to whether the Grand Lodge would entertain the question. When there being objection raised they were not entertained.

There were no visitors present at this meeting on a/c of the size of the room and nothing further presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'c., P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Octo. 27th, 5852.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Communication.

All the Grand Officers and a number of the members of the Grand Lodge, also several visiting Brethren were present.

The Charter or Warrant of Lodge No. 131 formerly held in this city was restored to Bros. Joseph Moore, James Harmer, Jr., Mason Matlack, Robert B. Arey, Michael Lawrance, James English, Joseph S. Kite, Adam Bender and George M. Jennings formerly members of said Lodge. And reorganized in Ancient form.

The following Brethren were then duly Installed in their respective offices, viz.:

Bro. Joseph Moore, W. M.
" James Harmer, Jr., S. W., not present but subsequently Installed by the officers of the Lodge.
" Mason Matlack, J. W.

When the Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
G. S.

According to notice given the following Officers of the Grand Lodge of Penna., met at York, Pa., on Thursday, November 4th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852, when the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7½ o'clock, P. M., the following officers being in their respective stations and places.

Bro. James Hutchinson, D. G. M., R. W. G. M., p. t.
" William Barger, P. G. M., D. G. M., p. t.
" William W. Thomson, Lodge No. 114, S. G. W., p. t.
" Joseph Hutchinson, Lodge No. 67, J. G. W., p. t.
" George D. Haswell, Lodge No. 19, G. Treas., p. t.
" John Thomson, G. Treas., G. Secty., p. t.
(Acting for Bro. William H. Adams, G. S., he being necessarily detained by the death of his niece.)
" Edward T. Mott, J. G. D., S. G. D.
" Charles B. Reese, G. S., J. G. D.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Daniel B. Herr of Lodge No. 43, G. S. B.
" Thomas E. Baxter, Lodge No. 114, G. Pursuivant.
" Amos S. Green, Lodge No. 51, G. Tyler.

The Charter or Warrant of York Lodge, No. 226, having been read the said Lodge was constituted in Ancient form.

The following Brethren were then duly Installed in their respective offices of York Lodge, No. 226, viz.:

Bro. George S. Morris, W. M.
" Robert J. Fisher, S. W.
" Morris J. Gardiner, Jr. W.
" Luke Rouse, Treas.
" David B. Prince, Secy.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock, P. M., on account of a death in Bro. Adams' family, John Thomson acted as Grand Secretary P. T.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29th, 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.

Bro. George P. Little, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. D.
" Edward T. Mott, J. G. D.
" Charles Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Robert McCulloch, G. Pursuivant.
" Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
" William Whitney, William Barger, Peter Fritz, Samuel H. Perkins, James Page, Josiah Randall, P. G. Ms.

Fifty seven Lodges represented, twenty-eight by members, twenty-nine by proxies.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

A communication was read from Orrstown Lodge, No. 262, appointing Bro. John C. Yeager proxy of said Lodge. On motion the communication was received and ordered to be filed and Bro. John C. Yeager duly acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

A similar communication was read from Lodge No. 250 appointing Bro. Chas. E. Blumenthal proxy. On motion said communication was filed and Bro. C. E. Blumenthal acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 43, 3 and 115 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee on Plans and Estimates of the New Hall in Chestnut Street.

The Grand Secretary having read that portion of the Minutes of Sept. 20th relating to the subject, P. Grand Master Brother William Whitney, Chairman of the Committee, read the following report, viz.:

The Committee to whom were referred the devising and reporting a plan of estimates and the ways and means for erecting an edifice suitable for Masonic purposes upon the Chestnut Street lot, beg leave to report, that they have attended earnestly to the duty assigned them, and feeling that the step about to be taken is one which involves the future prosperity of the Order, they have laboured zealously and diligently to produce such a building, with our present means, as will give satisfaction to the Brethren of this as well as of future ages.

The Committee are aware that out of so many beautiful and excellent plans as have been submitted to them and each of which has its friends and advocates in the Grand Lodge, it is probable that no one plan would command a majority of the votes of the members, they however, rely confidently on the good sense and judgment of those Brethren who may not exactly coincide in their opinion as to which plan is most beautiful, that they will forego all minor considerations and give their influence towards bringing this important measure to a conclusion.

When entering upon their duties, it was evident to the Com. that the funds necessary for the purposes would have to be raised by a loan either from the public or from the Order. If from the public, then the amount of the loan could not exceed $75,000 as that is the full sum which would be loaned on the Chestnut Street property, being the only security we have to offer. If from the Order, then it was necessary to examine and see what amount could be raised amongst ourselves. An examination shew'd the total wealth of the Order at this time to be about $85,235.72 as shewn by the detailed statement annexed to this report and marked A but which may be classed as follows:

The Girard Bequest has	$35,695 72
" Charity Fund	5,040 00
23 Blue Lodges have about	42,200 00
4 Chapters	1,500 00
2 Mark Lodges	500 00
4 Encampments	300 00
Making a total	$85,235 72

Now though, from unanimous feeling expressed in favour of the new hall, the Committee have a right to expect the zealous support of nearly all the Brethren, yet it would not be safe to calculate on more than $75,000 of this amount, for some of the investments are of such a nature that it would neither be convenient or advisable to change them at the present time.

Under these circumstances the Committee felt that prudence would dictate that if possible the amount of the loan recommended should be kept within the sum of $75,000, for should a building of this character be commenced and have to remain unfinished for want of funds or from false calculations, it would reflect upon the Institution and particularly upon the Committee a well deserved reproach.

The Committee also carefully examined our present financial position and found that we now owe (independent of the mortgages on the hall in South Third Street) the sum of $62,000 and we have in the Sinking Fund the sum of $43,000 to pay it with, this leaves a balance of $19,000 against the two properties in Chestnut Street and Third Street, but when the new hall is built we shall no longer want the hall in South Third Street, which can therefore be sold in sufficient season to be made available in paying for the new hall and will no doubt sell for at least $10,000 over and above the amount of the mortgage, this will reduce the balance against us to $9,000 and this sum must be provided for in our financial arrangements. The Committee propose that the

Grand Lodge shall authorize the Trustees of the Masonic Loan to create a new loan, for such an amount within our means as will cover the estimate of the building of the new hall and the deficiency of $9,000 as before mentioned.

From amongst the plans submitted the Committee selected three as pre-eminently beautiful and well adapted to our purposes. These were the plans of Messrs. Notman, Sloan and Collins, and estimates were therefore ordered and prepared by the most competent mechanics of our city.

Mr. Notman's plan, though grand and sublime, had the objection of having but one door and one window to the stores which it was thought would diminish the revenue to be derived therefrom and it was estimated that a hall agreeably to that plan would cost

With an iron front.....$70,000 00
" a stone " 77,000 00

Mr. Sloan's truly beautiful plan by his own estimate would cost

With an iron front.....$70,315 00
" a stone " 77,315 00

And in his estimates he only allows $300 each as the price of the sculptured figures in front, while the Committee are of opinion that such figures, as would not be derogatory to the craft of a Masonic Order, could not be obtained for less than $1,000 to $1,500 each.

The estimate for a hall built agreeably to Mr. Collins' plan were

With an iron front.....$61,887 00
" a stone do 69,387 00

While for architectural beauty and a pure specimen of the Gothic order the Committee considered it quite equal to the other two.

With regard to whether the front shall be of iron or of stone the Committee did not wish to assume the responsibility of deciding but ask for an expression of opinion in the Grand Lodge on that point.

The foregoing estimates shew that the amount of loan required to cover the cost of the new hall and the $9000 as before mentioned would be

With Notman's plan having a stone fron.....$86,000 00
an iron do. 79,315 00
With Sloan's plan having a stone front..... 86,315 00
an iron do..... 70,837 00
With Collins' plan having a stone front..... 78,387 00
an iron do..... 70,837 00

The Committee have also had estimates made of the above plans for granite and marble fronts, either of which will add 10 or $12,000 over and above the cost of a stone front.

Under all these circumstances and after a critical examination into the detail and *minutia* and taking into consideration the splendour and beauty of Mr. Collins' plan, combined with its economy, it coming almost within the desired limits on expense, the Committee came to the unanimous conclusion to recommend for the approval of the Grand Lodge, the erection of a New Masonic Hall agreeably to the plan proposed and presented by said Mr. Collins.

The interior of the new hall according to the plan selected and presented by the Committee will admit of 3 stores, as follows:

The first story will consist of 4 stores, 22½ by 172 feet deep and an entrance of nearly 12 feet.

The second story will contain first a Grand Lodge room 78 feet long by 45 feet wide, having the requisite anterooms.

2nd. An additional Blue Lodge room 66 feet long by 30 feet wide being larger than the room we are now in.

3rd. A Banqueting room 73 feet long by 36 feet wide, being capable of accommodating more than 2½ times our present Banqueting Room.

4th. A Grand Master's Room, Grand Secretary's Room, Reception Room and three large committee rooms. These rooms front on Chestnut Street and throw the Grand Lodge Room far enough from the street to avoid the noise arising therefrom.

5th. Ample accommodations for the Tyler's residence.

The third story will contain a Chapter Room and an Encampment Room of the same size as our present Grand Lodge Room, with the necessary connecting rooms of ample dimensions.

With regard to our prospective financial condition, the Committee finds by examination that the gross receipts of the Grand Lodge from subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c., can be certainly estimated at $10,000 per annum and probably much more, while the rent of the four stores will be at least $10,000 more. The expenses will be about $4,000 per annum as follows:

Salaries of Officers	$1,800 00
Expenses of hall repairs, &c., &c	2,200 00
Total	$4,000 00

This will leave $16,000 per annum to pay the interest on the new loan and to create a New Sinking Fund to pay off the principal. The members will find by calculation that this sum will be sufficient to create a Sinking Fund which with the interest accruing will pay off a loan of $75,000 in six years.

The Committee cannot close their labours without expressing to the Grand Lodge the great obligations they are under to Messrs. Sloan, Notman, Riddle, Carver and McArthur the architects, who so ably produced, at the call of the Committee, plans either of which would, in the absence of the others, have been thought perfect and not to be surpassed.

With these observations the Committee submit for the consideration and approval of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the front of the New Hall be constructed of brown sand stone.

Resolved, that a Committee of Seven be appointed to superintend the erection of a New Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street near Eighth, according to the plan furnished by Mr. Collins and now presented by the Committee on Plans and the said Committee of Seven shall be styled the Building Committee and shall have full power to make the contracts and bargains necessary thereto.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Masonic Loans be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to create a new Masonic Loan for an amount not

exceeding ——— in shares of $100 each, having ten years to run and for the faithful redeeming of said loan at maturity they shall pledge the property in Chestnut Street near Eighth.

Resolved, that the said Trustees be and they are hereby further instructed to take from the proceeds of the new loan, such an amount as may be necessary, in addition to the present Sinking Fund, to pay off all the present debt of the Grand Lodge, excepting the mortgages on the 3rd St. Hall and to hold the balance of said loan subject to the orders of the Building Committee.

Resolved, that the said Trustees be and are hereby further instructed to give to the holders of the present Masonic Loans a preference in subscribing to the new loan.

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $450, as compensation to the various architects for the plans furnished, agreeably to the arrangements entered into with them by the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY, FRANCIS BLACKBURNE,
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, JOHN ALLER,
JACOB STEINER, *Committee.*

On motion of Bro. William English the resolutions were read and discussed *seriatim.*

The first resolution being under discussion Bro. Joseph S. Riley moved that the blank in said resolution be filled with the word *Iron.* P. G. M. Bro. James Page moved to amend the amendment by substituting the word *Stone.* Bro. Hutchinson moved to postpone the consideration of the 1st resolution and take up the 2nd resolution which was rejected. The question being put upon Bro. Page's amendment it was carried. Bro. John K. Mitchell then moved to amend, by inserting brown sand stone, which was adopted on a division. The first resolution as amended was then adopted.

The second resolution being under discussion, Bro. J. R. Flanigan moved to strike out the name of Mr. Collins and substitute the name of Samuel Sloan, also to amend still further by striking out the words "and now presented by the Committee"; after considerable discussion several substitutes and amendments were postponed to make way for a motion to divide the question by striking out the name of Mr. Collins which motion was carried.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley the further consideration of resolution 2nd was postponed.

When the following resolution of Brother William English was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that all the plans submitted to the Committee have the names of the architects attached thereto and that the Grand Lodge proceed to select by ballot one of said plans to be adopted for the hall to be erected on Chestnut Street, that the plan having the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot be dropped, until the choice shall be confined to two of said plans and then that plan having the highest number of votes shall be adopted, and that the report of the Committee on Plans be printed.

On motion of P. G. Master Bro. William Whitney and duly seconded, the following resolution as reported by the Committee was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $450, as compensation to the various architects for the plans furnished, agreeably to the arrangements entered into with them by the Committee.

By unanimous consent the Committee on By-laws had permission to present the following report, which was on motion duly made and seconded, adopted, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 43 referred to them by the Grand Lodge and would recommend, that the words "to wit ten dolls. his initiation fee, ten dollars upon being passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and five dollars upon being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason," in the tenth Article be stricken out. That the word "loose" in the 14th Art. be stricken out. That the word "and" in the last line of the 2nd Art. of rules and regulations of order be stricken out and the word "which" substituted. That to the said rules of order the following be added: Rule 11. The above rules of order may be dispensed with by the presiding officer. And that said By-laws be then approved.

That they have examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 3 and recommend their approval.

That to Sec. I., Art. 12 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 115 be

added: "*Sixth:* The above rules of order may be dispensed with by the presiding officer," and that said By-laws be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed. JAMES PAGE,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZIER,
Committee.

Owing to the large number of members in attendance no visitors were admitted.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Graham, Weight.
"	3,	"	Thomson, Zorns, George Thomson, Ashton, Martin, Colladay, Bilger.
"	9,	"	Thorp, Kelly, Rigg.
"	19,	"	Childs, Patton, Wilson, Hines, Cooper, Bishop.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	43,	"	Wentz.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Howell, Whitney, Baggs.
"	52,	"	Pearson, Ferguson, Yeager, Kelly.
"	59,	"	Adams, Neeson, Davenport, Campbell.
"	67,	"	Dunn, Weeks, Wagner, Jones, Simon, Smith, Laudenslager, Conrad, Baugh, James Hutchinson, Deklyne, Simpson, Joseph Hutchinson, Reese, Martin.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Hutchinson, Bladen, Frismuth, Smith.
"	72,	"	Phillips, H. N. Phillips, Barger, Williams, Chase, Clinton.
"	91,	"	Manning, Hinchman.
"	114,	"	Thomson, Baxter, Thompson, Sharp, Clark, Krider.
"	115,	"	Heimberger, Phillips, Heylin.
"	121,	"	Flanagan, Davis, Mitchell, Leviestien, Vaux, Mott.
"	125,	"	Steiner, Bournonville, Remak, Zeigler.
"	126,	"	Simpson, Page, Hesser, Hand, McCulloch, Wetham.
"	130,	"	Easby, Brown, Piper, Lescure, Riley, Strickland.

No. 131, Bros. Harmer, Jr., Moon, Matlack.
" 134, " Williamson, Roney, Stocker, King.
" 155, " Clinton, Allen, Fritz.
" 158, " Shields, Roberts.
" 186, " Stewart, Hufty, Little, Lewis, O'Farrell, Russell, Barrington, Finney, Gaskill, Zeigler, McIntyre.
" 187, " Albertson, Bell.
" 190, " Richards, Powell, Fulforth, Cornman, Zimmerman.
" 211, " Haney, Hall, Warthman, Peall, Davidson.
" 230, " Taylor.

Proxies: No. 21, Bro. William English; No. 22, Bro. William Whitney; No. 45, Bro. Robert M. McCulloch; No. 60, Bro. Edmund Barrington; No. 61, Bro. R. Stirling Wilson; No. 62, Bro. David S. Skerritt; No. 106, Bro. William Thomson; No. 138, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 143, Bro. William H. Pearson; No. 144, Bro. Gustavus Remak; No. 148, Bro. A. Bournonville; No. 163, Bro. James Simpson; No. 164, Bro. William Barger; No. 199, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 218, Bro. Harman Baugh; No. 219, Bro. Peter Fritz; No. 220, Bro. George Thomson; No. 221, Bro. J. A. Phillips; No. 226, Bro. James Page; No. 231, Bro. Zadock A. Davis; No. 233, Bro. Anthony E. Stocker; No. 234, Bro. Jacob Steiner; No. 235, Bro. John Reynolds; No. 241, Bro. George Thomson; No. 242, Bro. Ambrose J. White; No. 248, Bro. R. Stirling Wilson; No. 253, Bro. James Hutchinson; No. 254, Bro. Alfred P. Hesser; No. 255, Bro. Stephen Taylor.

Twenty-eight Lodges represented by their members. Twenty-nine Lodges represented by proxy.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 11 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 6th. 1852, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. T.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. S.
" George P. Little, D. G. S.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. D.
" Edward T. Mott, J. G. D.
" Robert McCulloch, G. P.
" Charles Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" James B. Baggs, G. M.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. B.
" S. Badger, James Page, William Whitney, Peter Fritz, P. G. M's.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Guillou, White, Graham, Burden, Weight, Blackburne.
" 3, " Helverson, Skerrett, Colladay, English, King, Zorns, Martin, Dillman, Bilger, Thomson, Carlin, Robinson, Ashton, Webb, Kerr, Hall.
" 9, " Cropley, Brothers, Leach, Riggs, Kelly, McMullin.
" 19, " Hines, Patton, Haswell, Bradley, Justice, Hodges, Cooper, Wilson, Childs.
" 21, " Royal.
" 25, " Benezet, Downing, Keim, Kinsey.
" 43, " Gormley, Keller.
" 51, " Whitney, Thomson, Howell, O'Neil, Baggs.
" 52, " Pearson, Fitch, Smith, Clements, Kelly.
" 59, " Adams, Neeson, Davenport, Campbell, Smith, Watson, Getz, Neil, Jayne.

No. 67, Bros. James and Joseph Hutchinson, Robert Hutchinson, Squibb, Simon, Miller, Baugh, Dunn, Reese, Martin, Conrad, Weeks, Deklyne, Simpson, Wagner, Laudenslager, Jones.

" 71, " Horner, Jones, Frismuth, Weikle, Meyers, Bladen, Parham.

" 72, " Davis, West, Peacock, J. A. and H. M. Phillips, Coleman, McCord, William, Thompson, Fox, Barger, Clark, Gibson, Spering, Clinton.

" 91, " Parkins, Hinchman, Sleeper, Samuel and William Badger, Manning.

" 114, " Clark, Thomson, Thompson, Sharp, Steel, Krider, Williamson, Baxter.

" 115, " Heylin, Heimburger, Shaw, Humes, Young, Heyl.

" 121, " Leviestien, Smith, Peterson, Vaux, Davis, Mitchell, Foering.

" 125, " Bournonville, Steiner, Remak, Osner, Buehler, Zeigler.

" 126, " Page, McCulloch, Hesser, Jackson, Whitham, Simpson.

" 130, " Piper, Lescure, Chandler, Brown, Easby, Logue, Riley, Strickland, Clemens.

" 131, " Harmer, Jr., Moore, Matlack.

" 134, " Pettit, Williamson, Stocker, Klapp, Mitchell, Booth, Roeny.

" 135, " Ogelby, McCulloch, Mullin, McClanachen, White.

" 153, " Mahanna, Cross.

" 155, " Fritz, Curtis, Wilkinson, Allen, Waters, Laws, Helm.

" 158, " Lawry, Bainstead, Rickards, Baird, Jones, Ewing, Shields, Roberts.

" 186, " Hufty, Lewis, Smith, Farrell, Barrington, Homer, Ziegler, Gaskill, Little, Fletcher, Russell.

" 187, " Coates, Purvis, Albertson, Bell.

" 190, " Richards, Cornman.

" 211, " Cartwright, Page, Haney, Peall, Carruthers.

No. 227, Bros. Fegley, Stout, Ancona, McDonald.
" 230, " Taylor.
" 232, " Humes.
" 245, " Fry.
" 246, " Hyneman, Michner, Wittee, Uhler.
" 254, " Moreton.
" 260, " Blumenthal.

Proxies: No. 22, Bro. William Whitney; No. 45, Bro. Robert McCulloch; No. 60, Bro. Edward Barrington; No. 62, Bro. David C. Skerrett; No. 106, Bro. William W. Thomson; No. 138, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 143, Bro. William H. Pearson; No. 148, Bro. Anthony Bournonville; No. 156, Bro. Peter Williamson; No. 163, Bro. James Simpson; No. 164, Bro. William Barger; No. 199, Bro. William H. Adams; No. 219, Bro. Peter Fritz; No. 225, George Thomson; No. 222, Bro. Leon Hyneman; No. 226, Bro. James Page; No. 231, Bro. Z. A. Davis; No. 233, Bro. A. E. Stocker; No. 234, Bro. Jacob Steiner; No. 239, Bro. George D. Haswell; No. 240, Bro. William Curtis; No. 241, Bro. George Thomson; No. 248, Bro. R. Stirling Wilson; No. 250, Bro. Charles E. Blumenthal; No. 253, Bro. James Hutchinson; No. 254, Bro. Alfred P. Hesser; No. 255, Bro. Stephen Taylor; No. 259, Bro. George Smith; No. 252, Bro. John C. Yeager; No. 144, Bro. Gustavus Remak.

Sixty-six Lodges represented, thirty-six by members, thirty by proxies, making a vote of two hundred and forty-seven.

Grand Lodge opened in Ancient and Ample form at ½ past 6 o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Sept. 6th, 1852, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Communication held Sept. 20th, 1852, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Communication held Nov. 29th, 1852, were read and adopted.

A communication from Lodge No. 156 was read appointing Bro. Peter Williamson their proxy. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Peter Williamson was acknowledged proxy of said Lodge.

A similar communication was read from Lodge No. 259 ap-

pointing Bro. George Smith their proxy. When on motion duly made and seconded, Bro. George Smith was duly acknowledged proxy of said Lodge.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 259, also an alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 114 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Tremont, Schuylkill County, Penna. was read and on motion referred to the Committee of Grand Officers. Said application was signed by a number of Brethren and the officers named are as follows: Bros. Thomson A. Godfry, W. M.; John B. McCreary, S. W.; John Barndt, J. W.

A similar application signed by a number of Brethren was read asking for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Canton, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and naming the following officers: Bros. Isaac Wilson, W. M.; Ebenezer Pratt, S. W.; Thomas Manly, J. W. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from Messrs. G. Andree and Co., was read asking to be released from a portion of the rent of the store they occupy in front of the Chestnut St. Hall. On motion it was referred to the Committee having charge of the stores with power to act.

The following report was read and adopted, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest to whom was referred the communication from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund proposing an alteration in the 8th Art. of the Rules for the Government of the Stewards, so as to allow them to appropriate any sum not exceeding fifty dollars ($50), to the funeral expenses of any poor and respectable Brother, who was a member of a Lodge under this jurisdiction, at the time of his decease, respectfully report,

That after giving the subject all the consideration its importance demands, they are of the opinion that such an appropriation would not be in accordance with the letter and spirit of the bequest of Bro. Girard. His intention as clearly manifested was to minister to the *personal* relief of their families,

except as incidental to their own relief nor to their widows and orphans, a deceased Brother is beyond the aid of any relief and no appropriation can minister to his comfort.

The Committee of Seven appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge in 1844 would seem to have been of the same opinion.

They were appointed to enquire what Rules ought to be adopted, "so that the interest arising from the Girard Bequest may be appropriated in accordance with the will," under that appointment they reported the Rules as they now are, and it is hardly to be supposed that the expenses of the funeral of a poor and worthy Brother, would have escaped their consideration if they could have been provided for consistently with their understanding of the will. The Trustees would therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Lodge do not sanction the alteration of the 8th Section of the Rules for the Government of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, adopted by them on the 9th of August, 1852.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. WILLIAM WHITNEY, SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
JACOB STEINER, PETER WILLIAMSON,
Trustees.

The Committee appointed on Mr. —— ——'s communication in relation to the action of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, reported. When on motion the report was referred back to the Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon he appointed Bros. J. A. Phillips, William English, Christopher C. Williams and Richard Vaux, Tellers.

The Grand Lodge then went into a ballot when the following officers were re-elected, viz.:

Bro. Anthony Bournonville, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.

TRUSTEES GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Peter Williamson, Jacob Steiner, William Whitney and George D. Haswell.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7th, 5852.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" Aug. Remak, S. G. D.
" J. W. Martien, J. G. D.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword B.
" Robert McCulloch, G. Pursuivant.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" C. Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" James Page and William Barger, P. Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Burden, Wright, Graham, White, Blackburne.
" 3, " Ashton, Bilger, Thomson, Webb, Colladay, English, Martin.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, McMullin, Thorp, Cropley, Rigg.
" 19, " Thornley, Griscom, Murphy, Hodges, Cooper, Haswell, Wilson, Patton, Childs.
" 25, " Benezet, Richea.
" 51, " Baggs, Thomson, Whitney, Howell, O'Neil.
" 52, " Pearson, Smith, Kelly, Engard, Fitch, Ferguson.

No. 59, Bros. Adams, Campbell, Neeson, Smith, Watson, Davenport, Jayne.
" 67, " Weeks, Squibb, Montgomery, Joseph and James Hutchinson, Smith, Jones, Simpson, Baugh, Wilson, Reese, Martin.
" 71, " Hutchinson, Frismuth, Smith, Weikle.
" 72, " Williams, Thompson, McCloud, West, J. A. Phillips, Fox, Barger, Coleman.
" 91, " Manning, Hinchman, Casey.
" 114, " Sharp, Thomson, Clark, Baxter, Young, Steel.
" 115, " Heylin, Shultz, Phillips.
" 121, " Vaux, Davis, Leviestien, Foering, Mitchell.
" 125, " Bournonville, Steiner, Remak, Osner.
" 126, " Page, Simpson, McCulloch, Hand.
" 130, " Lescure, Brown, Easby, Riley, Clemens, Strickland, Piper.
" 131, " Moore, Matlack.
" 134, " Williamson, Mitchell, Cohen, Klapp, Stocker, Booth.
" 155, " Wilkinson, Waters, Fritz, Laws, Allen.
" 158, " Shields, Ewing.
" 186, " McIntyre, Smith, White, Barrington, Ziegler, Little, Lewis, Stewart, Gaskill, Hufty, Farrell.
" 187, " Bell, Coates, Perrins, Albertson, McCahan.
" 211, " Cartwright, Dorlan.
" 224, " Donaldson, Davidson.
" 260, " Blumenthal.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 43, 45, 61, 62, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 156, 163, 164, 199, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 226, 231, 233, 234, 237, 241, 242, 248, 250, 253, 254, 255, 259.

Sixty Lodges represented, twenty-seven by members, thirty-three by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 6 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of considering the resolution passed Nov. 29th, 1852, viz.:

Resolved, that all the plans submitted to the Committee have the names of the architects attached thereto and that the Grand

Lodge proceed to select by ballot one of said plans to be adopted for the hall to be erected on Chestnut St.; that the plan having the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot to be dropped until the choice shall be confined to two of said plans and then that plan having the highest number of votes shall be adopted and that the report of the Committee on Plans be printed.

Considerable discussion took place among Bros. Riley, Whitney and Stocker, when on motion of Bro. English the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for plans.

P. G. Masters Bros. Page and Fritz and Bros. C. C. Williams and Thomas E. Baxter were appointed tellers.

After several ballotings the final result was as follows:

For Notman's plan 76.
" Collins' " 74.

On motion of Bro. J. K. Mitchell that the Grand Lodge unanimously approve of Mr. Notman's plan, the question was put and the motion was almost unanimously carried.

On motion of P. G. M. Bro. William Whitney it was *Resolved,* that the Trustees of the Real Estate of the G. L. of Penna. be authorized and instructed to enter into a legal arrangement with the owners of the properties west of the Masonic Hall, Chestnut St. (known as Pepper and Burd's property,) to recede 4 feet 8 inches from the street line giving additional width to the pavement agreeably to the proposition made by the owners of said properties.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 11 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20th, A. L. 5852.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Special Quarterly Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, D. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, S. G. Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, J. G. Warden.

Bro. John Thomson, G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, G. Secretary.
" George P. Little, D. G. Secretary.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" A. W. Martien, J. G. Deacon.
" Jas. B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Robt. McCulloch, G. Pursuivant.
" C. Stevenson, James Page, Peter Fritz, and William Whitney, Past Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Graham, Blackburne.
"	3,	"	King, Ashton, Skerrett, Thomson, Colladay, Bilger, Martin, English.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Rigg, Dorsey.
"	19,	"	Bishop, Griscom, Thornley, Patton, Leach, Childs, Reynolds, Bradley, Wilson, Cooper, Hodges.
"	25,	"	Lownes.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Baggs, Whitney.
"	52,	"	Davenport, Adams, Neeson, Watson, Jayne.
"	59,	"	Davenport, Adams, Neeson, Watson, Jayne.
"	67,	"	Squibb, Deklyne, Dunn, Smith, Martien, Hutchinson, Simpson, Baugh, Conrad, Jones, Weeks.
"	71,	"	Smith, Frismuth, Jones, Weikle, Bladen, Hutchinson.
"	72,	"	Thompson, Stevenson, H. M. Phillips, Williams, Chase, Coleman.
"	91,	"	Casey, Hutchinson, Manning.
"	114,	"	Young, Baxter, Sharpe, Clark, Thomson.
"	115,	"	Heylin, Heimburger, Phillips, McCloud.
"	121,	"	Foering, Leviestien, Mitchell.
"	125,	"	Remak, Steiner, Zeigler, Aichternacht.
"	126,	"	Page, McCulloch, Hesser, Hand.
"	131,	"	Moore, Harmer.
"	134,	"	Stocker, Williamson, Klapp.
"	152,	"	Porter.
"	155,	"	Waters, Martin, Clinton, Fritz, Allen.

No. 158, Bros. Shields, Roberts, Oliver.
" 186, " Smith, McIntyre, Little, Farrell, Lewis, Gaskill.
" 187, " Purvis, Bell, Coates, Albertson.
" 211, " Cartwright, Peale.
" 246, " Hyneman.

Fifty Lodges represented, twenty-seven by members, twenty-three by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The following resolution offered by the Committee being under consideration, viz.: *Resolved*, that a Committee of Seven be appointed to superintend the erection of the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut st. near Eighth, according to the plan agreed upon by the Grand Lodge; and said Committee of Seven shall be styled, the Building Committee and shall have full power to make the contracts and bargains necessary thereto.

Bro. Mitchell offered an amendment that the Committee shall have power to alter and amend the plan, &c.

Bro. Daniel Thompson moved to postpone the whole matter for the present, which motion was ruled out of order; when Bro. Mitchell withdrew his amendment.

Bro. Stocker moved to strike out that "a Committee of Seven be appointed" and insert the following: That one member from each Lodge shall be the Committee. On this motion Bro. Remak raised a question of order. After some discussion and a reference to the Ahiman Rezon, the Grand Master arose and stated as follows: "For my own part I should have no difficulty in construing the Ahiman Rezon as to the right of the Grand Master to appoint a Committee, but I would prefer if the Grand Lodge herself would make that, or any other decision, she thinks fit in a question which involves some personal delicacy."

Bro. Stocker's amendment being under consideration, Bro. Page moved to postpone the amendment together with the original resolution and moved to substitute the following: "*Resolved*, that the R. W. G. Master request each subordinate Lodge to furnish forthwith to the R. W. Grand Secretary the name of one of its Past Masters and member of the Grand Lodge, and that from the whole number of names thus obtained the

R. W. Grand Master may appoint nine persons to constitute the Building Committee of the proposed new Hall in Chestnut St." Bro. Riley moved to postpone the whole matter in order to introduce certain resolutions. Bro. Riley's motion was rejected. The question recurring on Bro. Page's motion to postpone Bro. Stocker's amendment and the original resolution it was carried. Bro. Page's resolution being now before the Grand Lodge, Bro. Vaux moved to strike out "nine" and insert "thirteen" which was lost. Bro. Lescure then moved to strike out the word *nine* and insert *seven*, which motion was agreed to. The resolution of Bro. Page as amend being now before the Grand Lodge it was adopted. Bro. Phillips then moved to add to Bro. Page's resolution the following *proviso*, which was agreed to: *Provided*, that the architect or contractor be required to give ample security for the execution of the plan, and that the entire cost shall not exceed $85,000 without the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution No. 3, in relation to the mode of raising funds for the new Hall being under consideration Bro. Riley moved to lay that resolution on the table and to substitute another, which was rejected. Bro. Henry M. Phillips then moved the following resolution which was agreed to (as a substitute for Resolution No. 3):

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master shall appoint five members of this Grand Lodge who, together with the elective Grand Officers, shall be Trustees, to be called "Trustees of New Masonic Loan," who are hereby authorized and instructed to create a new Masonic Loan for an amount not exceeding ninety thousand dollars, divided into shares of fifty dollars each, payable in ten years, and for the better securing the payment of the said new Masonic Loan at maturity, together with the interest thereon semi-annually, the said Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to have executed a mortgage upon the property of this Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street between Delaware Seventh and Eighth Streets; and the said Trustees shall hereafter be elected annually by the Grand Lodge, by a majority of votes, at the stated Communication in December.

Resolution No. 4, in relation to the proceeds of the new Loan was amended as follows: *Resolved*, that the word "orders" be stricken out, and the word "purposes" be inserted in lieu thereof,

and the balance, referred to in said resolution, be paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer to be held for the purposes of the Building Committee.

Resolution No. 5 being under consideration was postponed indefinitely.

Bro. Stocker moved that the plans for the interior arrangements be referred to the Building Committee together with the architect, which was adopted.

It was resolved unanimously, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Plans and that said Committee be discharged.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

Building Committee:

Bros. James Page, James Hutchinson, F. Blackburne, P. R. Engard, William M. Swain, George Smith and William Carr.

Trustees of New Masonic Loan to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers:

Bros. Philip R. Howard, David Jayne, Thomas E. Baxter, Frederick Lenning, Jacob Steiner.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 27th, 5852.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Annual Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. T.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" George P. Little, Dep. G. Sec.

Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. D.
" E. T. Mott, J. G. D.
" James B. Baggs, G. M.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. B.
" C. B. Reese, G. Steward.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" William Whitney, P. G. M.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 10 o'clock in the morning.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Blackburne.
"	3,	"	English, Meteer, Martin.
"	9,	"	Leach, Dorsey, Kelly.
"	19,	"	Griscom, Bradley, Murphy, Wilson, Thomas.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Whitney, Baggs.
"	52,	"	Fitch, Peirson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Neeson.
"	67,	"	Hutchinson, Reese, Martien, Squibb, Baugh, Jones.
"	71,	"	Jones, Bladen, Parham.
"	72,	"	Colladay, Ashton, H. M. Phillips.
"	91,	"	Casey, Perkins, Hart, Hinchman.
"	114,	"	Baxter, Clark, Krider.
"	115,	"	Heylin, McCloud, Phillips, Fling.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, See, Mott, Foering.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Steiner, Remak, Osner.
"	126,	"	Hand, Hesser, McCulloch.
"	130,	"	Piper, Young, Strickland, Watson, Lescure, Brown.
"	131,	"	Moore.
"	134,	"	Williamson, Stocker.
"	155,	"	Clinton.
"	158,	"	Reed, Baird.
"	186,	"	Little, Farrell.
"	187,	"	Bell, Purvis.
"	211,	"	Peall, Cartwright.
"	245,	"	Carr.
"	248,	"	Smith.
"	260,	"	Blumenthal.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 45, 61, 138, 143, 144, 148, 156, 233, 234, 250, 253, 254.

So much of the Minutes of Dec. 6th, 1852, as relates to the election of officers was read and approved.

The R. W. G. Master stated as this was Saint John's Day the Officers elect would be Installed.

P. G. Master Bro. William Whitney then took the chair.

Those present who were not Past Masters withdrew when Bro. Anthony Bournonville was duly Installed R. W. G. Master in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Bro. James Hutchinson was then duly Installed R. W. D. Grand Master in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed congratulations of the Brethren.

Those Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, viz.:

Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.

The Grand Master then delivered the following address:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN—Your continued kindness and generous confidence have placed me for another Masonic year in that high and responsible station whose honors and duties I was by your partiality called upon to assume on St. John's Day last. Whilst I return to you my most unfeigned thanks for again elevating me to this, the highest place in your gift, I cannot but again express the hope that the uniform forbearance which I have ever enjoyed at your hands during my entire Masonic career, will be extended to me during the period I shall have the honor to preside over your deliberations. If a desire to be impartial at all times—to use the high power vested in the office of the Grand Master sparingly, and to blend honest differences of opinion into one common mind, have any claim to such forbearance, then indeed I am fully assured that it will not be wanting, as long as it shall be my steadfast aim to make these distinctive features my rules of word and action.

Both the usages of the craft, as well as the propriety of rendering an account of an important and comprehensive stewardship, impose at this period the duty upon me to furnish you with a brief summary of the affairs of the Grand

Lodge—of the state of the craft generally under her jurisdiction—and of such events as may prove interesting, coupling such statement with a few suggestions for your future consideration.

During the last year Warrants have been granted to the following Lodges, viz:

No. 260, at Carlisle, Cumberland county.
261, at Providence, Luzerne County.
262, at Orrstown, Franklin county.
263, at Skinner's Eddy, Wyoming county.
264, at Columbus, Warren county.
265, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county.
266, at York, York county.
267, at Bellefonte, Centre county.
268, at Tremont, Schuylkill county.

The two last are just issued.

Industry Lodge, No. 131, in Philadelphia, has been revived.

The Warrants asked for at Strasburg, Lancaster co., Clarion, Clarion co.; Susquehanna, Susquehanna co.; and Canton, Bradford co., are still under consideration. The petition for a new Warrant at Easton has been abandoned and the old Lodge held there is in a truly flourishing condition.

The applicants for the revival of Lodge No. 102, at Frankford, have failed to comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge.

As far as the increase of the number of Lodges during the past Masonic year, and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge would indicate, the craft under this jurisdiction is indeed in a prosperous condition; but other not less important matters that have of late years received little or no attention from the Grand Lodge, and are positively indispensable in maintaining a *truly lasting and healthful condition of Masonry* in Pennsylvania, have given me much concern, and induced me to take at least an initiatory step in a matter which calls loudly for speedy, prompt, and energetic action. The attention of the Brethren of this Grand Lodge has several times been called to the following fact by a Brother on this floor. Subjects although of much moment and interest to the Grand Lodge, but not directly connected with Masonic work and Masonry in general, have for several years claimed and well deserved the attention of the Grand Lodge, and during the last years its members were chiefly absorbed in a subject to which I shall hereafter more fully refer. Hence it was but natural that matters of Masonic import were not agitated, and some suggestions made on a former occasion remained unheeded from want of time to be devoted to their consideration.

Want of knowledge of the correct work of the craft has for years been complained of by the country lodges. The districts under the care of the District Deputy Grand Masters comprise frequently so much territory that their business will not permit them often to visit the Lodges under their charge, and in many cases they are even unable to visit them all. Whilst the number of lodges and their members is constantly increasing, ignorance of the work simultaneously increases, and whilst our Brethren in the interior are anxious to learn and properly to work, they have to steer without compass or rudder on the great sea of chaos and confusion. To check to some extent the further

growth of this crying evil until the Grand Lodge should see proper by energetic means entirely to eradicate it, I have availed myself of the offer of Brother Charles E. Blumenthal, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 260, at Carlisle, to visit, without compensation for so doing, several country Lodges, and have authorised him (until the appointment of a regular Grand Lecturer) to deliver Masonic addresses and give instruction wherever it is required. So far the experiment has proved successful, and has been received by the country Brethren with much satisfaction, which has in several instances been testified by a written vote of thanks to the Grand Master.

Finances of the Grand Lodge for 1852.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge has, during my administration improved, as will appear from the following—

Receipts.

Balance on hand, as per Report, on the 31st Dec. 1851,		$1,367 61
From Lodges, Chapters and Encampments, during the last year,	$11,175 90	
Dispensations, Certificates, &c	1,190 11	
New Warrants,	571 00	
Chestnut Street Stores and Hall,	5,606 49	
Third Street Hall,	202 50	
Grand Chapter,	300 00	
		19,046 61
Total,		$20,413 61

Payments.

Interest on Grand Lodge Debt,	$3,145 14	
Paid to Treasurer of the Sinking Fund,	9,272 61	
Expenses of Third Street Hall, including Taxes, Repairs, Printing, and all incidental expenses of Grand Lodge,	1,677 59	
Salaries of Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Tyler,	1,640 00	
Expenses of Chestnut St. Hall, Taxes and Incidental Expenses,	1,495 74	
		17,231 08
Leaving a Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1852, of		$3,182 53

Out of the above balance will be drawn the Interest coming due on the first of January next.

The Sinking Fund,

As per Report, amounted last year, to	$35,906 39
Invested this year for this fund,	9,710 24
	$45,616 63

Showing an Increase this year of $10,355.

The Girard Bequest

Continues to go on in the even tenor of its way, dispensing help and assistance to poor and respectable Brethren, according to the will of our late Brother Stephen Girard. The fund, according to the return from the proper source amounts to about $35,000; $2,000 have been appropriated by a vote of the Grand Lodge to the use of the different committees of Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund, and they have faithfully performed their duty. During the last twelve months they have distributed, $1,994.58; $504.48 have been given to 36 applicants hailing from foreign jurisdictions, $1490 to 83 applicants, hailing under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Four of these brethren who used to receive relief from this Fund have departed life during the last year.

The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

$250 have been distributed to 40 applicants, widows of deceased Masons. Said fund now amounts to $6,000, with the properties at Chester and Germantown.

The fond hope expressed by me in my address to you on St. John's day last, that we may this day assemble in our old edifice, originally dedicated to Masonic purposes, or in a new and more spacious hall although not realized will, I trust, at no very distant day be carried out under more gratifying circumstances, as we shall then assemble in a temple worthy of the dignity and position of our honored brotherhood. Your action and deliberations on this subject, although coupled with honest differences of opinion, have been characterized by that brotherly regard and forbearance which should ever distinguish Masons; yet there remains much to be done to bring the contemplated work to a close to the satisfaction and benefit of the craft. May wisdom and knowledge be your steadfast and faithful counsellors in the achievement of this work, as in any other that concerns the welfare of our fraternity, that we may proudly point at our temple as well as at our labors within and without, and that we may gain the good will of mankind and the blessing of the Great Architect on High.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year, viz.:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Jacob Albright of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Montgomery.

Bro. George McCabe of Tamaqua, for the County of Schuylkill in place of Bro. William B. Potts who resigned the former appointment in 1852.

Bro. James Madison Porter of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Carbon.

Bro. George C. Welker of Sunbury, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour.

Bro. John H. Berryhill of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Mifflin, Blair and Huntingdon.

Bro. William Smith of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.

Bro. Samuel McKinley of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Beaver and Lawrence.

Bro. John V. Smith of Tunkhannock, for the Counties of Bradford, Wyoming and Susquehanna.

Bro. R. A. Oakford of Pittston, for the Counties of Luzerne and Wayne.

Bro. George K. Bain of Meadville, for the Counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren.

Bro. J. B. Musser of Washington, for the Counties of Washington, Green and Fayette.

Bro. William Heyser of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Franklin, Cumberland and York.

Grand Chaplains for the City Philadelphia.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, John L. Burrows, H. W. Ducachet, Ezra S. Ely.

For other Portions of the State.

Rev. Bros. George P. McElroy, J. Killikelly, M. P. Jamison, Robert Deshea Morris.

Bro. Gustavus Remak, Sr. G. Deacon.
" E. T. Mott, Jr. G. do.

Bros. Henry Bruner and Charles B. Reese, Grand Stewards.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" William B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bros. William English, John Bradley, William Conrad, James Kelly, James W. Martien.

Committee of Finance.

Bros. George Smith, Joseph S. Riley, George H. Oliver, William W. Thomson, Daniel Thompson.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Gustavus Remak, James B. Chandler and William H. Klapp.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. James Page, William H. Adams and Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. William Clinton, J. Mitchell and John Miller.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. H. Baugh, W. Heimberger and Robert McCulloch.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. B. Newcomb, Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel H. Perkins, William Barger and William Whitney.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. M. Cartwright, John Coates, Edmund Barrington, William E. Ewing, John Martin, Thomas Roney, Joseph Moore, E. P. Lescure, Alfred P. Hesser, Jacob Steiner, Richard Vaux, John McCloud, John G. Sharp, John H. Casey, Abraham West, Townsend Smith, James Simpson, Gavin Watson, James Ferguson, M. Bouvier, John Reynolds, William Leach, George Thomson, Thomas Graham.

On motion of P. G. Master Bro. William Whitney the following resolution was adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, that the R. W. G. Master be requested to furnish for publication, his able and satisfactory address and that the Grand Secretary be directed to have it printed and distributed to every Lodge and to every member of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master stated that Brother Charles E. Blumenthal was present and ready to make report of his proceedings, if it met the approval of the Grand Lodge no objection being made Brother Blumenthal reported as follows:

To Dr. Anthony Bournonville, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons for the Commonwealth of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR,—Permit me to submit the following report, in accordance with your direction as given to me in the

commission, of the 29th of Sept., 1852, with which you have honored me.

In the discharge of my duty as required in that commission I have since the date thereof visited fifteen Lodges, viz.:

Lewistown, No. 203, where I lectured three consecutive nights and where I had the pleasure of hearing the most sincere expressions of gratification at your compliance with that portion of the Ahiman Rezon, long left unattended, which provides that a lecturer be sent to the Lodges in the country.

The Lodge is in a most prosperous condition, for, while members are crowding to its doors, the Brethren are careful to select only such material as promises to be of benefit to the Craft. The members zealous to beautify the external, as well as internal appearance of Masonry, have recently moved into a new and beautiful hall, expressly built for them. I had occasion to note discrepancies in the work, which the Brethren told me had crept in because they knew no better and had had no one to instruct them. I found that by giving them in all instances the reason why the work should be done as directed by you, I was enabled to impress it more thoroughly upon the memory. I left them satisfied that they were more firmly than ever attached to the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth.

In Bellefonte I met the Brethren by particular request and found that a misunderstanding, as to the manner in which their application for a new Warrant had been treated by the Grand Lodge, had caused some harsh feelings, but that having been cleared up since, I have the satisfaction to be able to state that within the last week I received a letter from them informing me that the utmost peace and harmony existed and that they expected to have their Lodge constituted on the Thursday after the 4th Monday in January; as a general thing I find a few words of verbal explanation are best calculated to do away every species of improper feeling.

Lebanon, No. 226, I have visited in company with the R. W. D. D. G. M., John H. Berryhill, when our visit was received highly complimentary to yourself and your representatives. Bro. Berryhill worked and exemplified the first Degree and I followed by doing the same in the second and third Degrees, giving a short lecture on the principles of Masonry. Lebanon Lodge is in a very healthful condition and the Brethren expressed

their gratification at the prospect that uniformity of work will be now introduced throughout the State. A case occurred lately there which causes me respectfully to suggest and urge that the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge not contained in the Ahiman Rezon be printed and furnished to the subordinate Lodges. A decision had been made by the W. M. in an important matter which was directly opposed to the regulations of the Grand Lodge and when I informed him of it he replied, "I regret it but how could I have known that resolution, since it is not found in either the Constitution or the By-laws." Bro. Berryhill aided me materially in the discharge of my duty and deserves great credit for the efficient and impressive manner which characterizes his instruction and exhortations to the Lodges in his district.

Lancaster, No. 43, tho' an old Lodge I found as much in need of instruction as any of the younger Lodges. The work was performed in a loose and careless way and though instructed several times by able workmen, they had refused altering their work because those who had come among them came without authority and gave no satisfactory explanations why the work as practised was incorrect. Thus I find it always, men want to have a reason for their faith, the Brethren however conformed cheerfully to the direction and rejoiced to hear that there is now a prospect of uniformity. No. 43 is a large and wealthy, as well a thriving Lodge and talks of branching off. It is probable that a portion will shortly apply for a new Warrant, which I have no doubt will contribute to the prosperity of the Craft.

Bro. J. B. Kaufman, D. D. G. M., has been ordered by his physician to visit Florida and Bro. J. J. Keller, W. M., discharged the office of visiting and instructing the Lodges in this district for the last few months, he would make an excellent D. D. G. Master.

Chestnut Level, No. 156, during the first half hour after I had entered the Lodge room of that Lodge I was sincerely grieved. But one of the officers seemed at all acquainted with the work as done in this Commonwealth. All labored in a manner as wholly different, that the symmetry and beauty was completely lost and when I spoke to them about it I was met again with the reply, how could we have learned if there is no

one to teach, if they do not send him. The Grand Lodge looks for our dues and has a right to do so, for we are pledged to obey the Constitution but that same Constitution requires also that a Grand Lecturer be sent to us and how can they reconcile it to their conscience, when they violate that Article of the Constitution and thus leave us without a teacher; have we not all sworn to obey the Constitution?

I spent ten hours in lecturing and exemplifying in that Lodge and never had a more attentive audience and more apt pupils. The members are zealous Masons and think it not too much to ride from six to twenty miles every month to attend the meetings and from an examination of the Minutes it appears they have always a full attendance.

Norristown, No. 190, I found well supplied with able workmen and also men who understand the spirit, as well as the letter of Masonry. The zeal of the Fraternity is evident from the expense to which they have gone in fitting up a hall, second to few out of Philada., while the Minutes shew that the spirit of Charity is by no means cramped in that Lodge.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 75, needed the visit very much. Bro. McVeigh is a very able workman, but was glad to have some one come who could aid him in correcting errors introduced from neighbouring States and teaching the young members the difference between Masonry of symbols and practical Masonry. The Lodge is prosperous and contains men who are determined so to conduct its affairs as to make Masonry respected in their town and country.

Pottstown Lodge, No. 254, this as you will remember is a new Lodge and after having passed through some difficulties is now emerging into a state of great prosperity. The members made great efforts in acquiring such a knowledge of the work, as to enable them to make the ceremonies instructive and imposing and urged me to pay them very soon another visit.

Reading Lodges, Nos. 62 and 227, I visited in company with Bro. Joseph L. Stichter, R. W. D. D. G. Master. I found both Lodges well instructed and strictly conforming to all the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Much of this is owing to Bro. Stichter's zeal and efficiency in the discharge of his duties. Permit me

to suggest that it would be very acceptable and advantageous if Stichter Lodge in Pottstown would be added to that district.

Pottsville, No. 216, is in a highly flourishing condition, has funds amounting to nearly one thousand dollars and is rapidly increasing in members. More than fifty met me in the Lodge room and received the instruction which it was my duty to impart. Here also I found that it is highly important that the Lodges be furnished with copies of complete sets of the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, as far as they affect Masonic usage. If this is not done the W. Masters will ignorantly make decisions contrary to those of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Minersville, No. 222, the flourishing state of that Lodge is a proof that Masonry is popular in Schuylkill County, but the Lodge will need one or two visits more before it will present in its work a beautiful harmony characteristic of Penna. work.

This Lodge meets in the same room in which the Odd Fellows hold their meetings. This state of things I have met with in several places and I call your attention to it in this case merely in order to speak of it in general. From experience I find that it is by no means advantageous to the dignity or real prosperity of the craft, when its Lodges meet thus, as it were, in the habitations of others or are co-tenants with them. It cramps the work and removes from our doors the veil, which our forefathers had so carefully hung before them. Would it not be well that when a petition for a new Warrant is hereafter presented, that the petitioners be required to state that they had secured a room for the exclusive use of the Masonic Lodge.

Tamaqua, No. 238, this lodge is of only three years growth, bids fair, now that it has struggled through its pecuniary difficulties, to become one of the best Lodges in that region. Its young Master, Bro. McCabe a talented lawyer and zealous Mason, takes pride in informing himself and seeing that the members be informed. Before many years I have no doubt the Lodge will number a hundred bright and zealous Masons, such is his influence in the County.

Mauch Chunk Lodge, No. 242, I did not know of any Lodge which I have visited that has delighted me more than this. It is truly a model Lodge. The members with one accord hold the theory, and practice upon it, that not numbers, but the

character of its material should constitute the pride of the Lodge and hence none are admitted who would not prove an ornament to any society. Bros. Fatsinger and Lilley, Jr., ought in justice to be mentioned as having been mainly instrumental in bringing about such a state of feeling, they all participate in it. The Lodge has greatly contributed in impressing the community with a high regard for the Masonic institution.

Carlisle, No. 197, I regret to say that I found much inefficiency in the Lodge, nor can I say anything of its Minutes since neither the Secretary, nor his book, were in the Lodge when I visited it.

In conclusion permit me to say that I have found the Lodges generally well disposed and willing to do what the Grand Lodge may require of them, provided the teacher which the Ahiman Rezon has made provision for be regularly sent to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES E. BLUMENTHAL.

Bro. Gustavus Remak moved that the foregoing report be received and that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for one hundred and fifty dollars for services rendered the Grand Lodge by Bro. Blumenthal, which was adopted.

On motion of Bro. William English four hundred dollars were appropriated for distribution by the Trustees of the G. L. Charity Fund. Which was adopted.

Bro. William M. Martin offered the following which was postponed, viz.: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed and directed to prepare, as early as practicable, a correct list of suspensions and expulsions returned by the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to have said list printed and a copy of such forwarded to each respective Lodge under this Jurisdiction and a copy thereof placed in the Tyler's room.

Bro. E. P. Lescure moved that the Grand Secretary furnish to the various Lodges all the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge not contained in the Ahiman Rezon. Which was adopted.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 43, 59, 70, 72, 114, 115, 126, 138, 186, 216, 219, 221, 231, 232, 254, 262.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at 12.30 o'clock noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7th, 1853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. Dep. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. Warden.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" Joshua Mitchell, R. W. G. Sec. p. t.
(Acting for Bro. Adams, who was prevented from attending by severe indisposition.)
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" John Bradley, S. D.
" J. W. Martien, J. D.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Charles B. Reese, } G. Stewards.
" Henry Bruner, }
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
" James Page, William Barger and Peter Fritz, Past Grand Masters.
" John McClung of Del., P. G. M.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Mosely, Maguire, Graham, Weight, Blackburne, Oat.
" 3, " Kerr, English, Thomson, Padmore, Martin, Bilger, Skerrett.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach.
" 19, " Childs, Thornley, Wilson, Bradbury.

No.	25,	Bros.	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Baggs.
"	52,	"	Fitch, Engard, Wilson.
"	59,	"	Neeson, Jayne, Watson, Davenport.
"	67,	"	Wagner, Hutchinson, Smith, Martien, Reese, Robert Hutchinson, Squibb, Jones, Weeks, Baugh, Simpson.
"	71,	"	Frishmuth, Golden, Bladen, Hutchinson, Kauffman.
"	72,	"	Barger, McCord, H. M. Phillips, J. A. Phillips, Ellis.
"	81,	"	Dickinson.
"	91,	"	Casey, Mitchell, Manning, Perkins.
"	114,	"	Clark, Baxter, Thomson, Sharp, Housekeeper.
"	115,	"	Phillips, Heimburger, Fling, Shultz.
"	121,	"	Vaux, Mitchell, Mott, See.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Steiner, Ziegler, Osner, Kohn.
"	126,	"	Page, Hand, McCulloch.
"	130,	"	Easby, Lescure, Strickland, Riley, Clement, Brown, Piper.
"	131,	"	Matlack, Moore.
"	134,	"	Stocker, Norris, Butler, Williamson, King.
"	138,	"	Hesser.
"	155,	"	Allen, Miller, Martin, Fritz.
"	158,	"	Shields, Oliver, Richards, Baird.
"	186,	"	Zeigler, Barrington, Farrell, Gaskill, Bigley, Smith.
"	187,	"	McCahen, Purvis, Simpson, Bell.
"	211,	"	Hanry, Peall, Cartwright, Page, Davidson.
"	218,	"	Marsh.
"	227,	"	Ancona, Strickland.
"	230,	"	Beenken.
"	254,	"	Morton.
"	260,	"	Blumenthal.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 43, 45, 60, 62, 106, 108, 148, 156, 163, 164, 218, 219, 220, 221, 226, 233, 234, 241, 248, 250, 253, 259.

Fifty-five Lodges represented; thirty-two Lodges by members; twenty-three Lodges by proxies. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December 6th were read and adopted.

The Minutes of Special Communications of December 7th and 20th, 1852, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication held Decr. 27th, 1852, were read and adopted.

The following report from the Trustees, appointed under a resolution of the Grand Lodge to create a new Masonic Loan, was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees appointed under a resolution of the Grand Lodge to create a new Masonic Loan beg leave respectfully to report:—

That they have had the subject under consideration and find a difference of opinion in the minds of the Trustees, with regard to the intention and desire of the Grand Lodge, relative to the principle upon which the Loan should be established. Whether it is the intention of the Grand Lodge to make it strictly a financial measure, by so arranging it as to command in the market the highest price and sold to the best bidders, without regard to the subordinate Lodges, or the Trust connected with the Institution, or making it simply a 6 per cent. loan and giving the Lodges and Trusts the preference in subscribing and afterward individual members of the Order, the balance if any, to be disposed of in the most profitable and advantageous manner for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and whether in either case much convenience and advantage would not result from dividing the Loan into shares of 100 dollars in place of 50 dollars as contemplated by the resolution.

The reasons assigned for the difference of opinion may be briefly stated, for the information of the Grand Lodge. The advocates for making it a financial measure, and disposing of it to the highest bidders, contend that it is strictly in accordance with the spirit of the resolution and proceedings of the Grand Lodge; that it will be a very desirable investment at this time. The security offered will be of the most unquestionable character and the facilities offered in changing and transferring the loan will command for it a rate of premium equal to any in the market and by adopting this plan the interest and benefit

of the Grand Lodge will be greatly promoted. While on the other hand it is contended, that although some advantage may be gained by adopting this plan in a pecuniary point of view, yet when considered in connection with the disappointment and dissatisfaction which might be created with the subordinate Lodges, many of whom have been patiently waiting and depending upon this loan for investment, and if they were not permitted to subscribe for it at par, with a certainty of 6 per cent., they would be obliged to seek other modes (particularly the Trusts) which would occasion a loss of that zeal and interest, so manifest at this time and so much to be desired in the prosecution of the important work, in which we are about to engage.

These considerations the Trustees deem of sufficient importance, to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge, before any further proceedings were entered into and in order that the sense and wishes of the Grand Lodge may be expressed and known on this subject, they have prepared two resolutions numbered 1 and 2 which they beg leave to submit. One of which contemplates a loan to be sold to the highest bidder, and the other a simple 6 per cent. loan; the adoption of either will enable the Trustees to proceed in their duties without further delay.

No. 1, *Resolved*, that the Trustees authorized to create a new Masonic Loan be directed to offer the same, 1st, to the different Trusts connected with the Institution, 2nd to the different Lodges, and 3d to the individual members of the Order, at par, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum, and in case the whole amount shall not be taken, the balance shall be disposed of on the best terms that can be obtained for it, not however below par.

No. 2, *Resolved*, that the Trustees authorized to create a new Masonic Loan be directed to raise said Loan on the best terms they can obtain for it at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Sect'y to the Board.

The reading of resolution No. 1 was called for. Bro. Riley asked if the new Loan would bring a premium in the market. The R. W. G. Master replied that he thought it would bring 5 per cent. advance. Bro. Riley then moved to lay the resolution on the table for the purpose of taking up resolution No. 2. When the motion to lay resolution on the table was put and lost. The question then being on the original resolution (No. 1 as reported by the Committee) was put and carried.

Brother James Hutchinson, D. G. Master, then moved, that so much of the resolution as offered by Bro. H. M. Phillips, Dec. 20th, as related to making the shares of the new Loan $50.00 each; be so altered as to read $100.00 each. The resolution offered by Brother H. M. Phillips was read and on putting the question to alter it was lost.

Applications for new Warrants at the following places were read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, to wit:

One in the city of Philadelphia, one at Butler, Butler Co., Pa.; one at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County; one at Birmingham, Allegheny Co.; one at Carmichael, Green Co., and one at Morgan's Corner, Del. Co. Also an application for the revival of Lodge No. 150. Which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and approved.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they have examined the amendments to the By-laws of the several Lodges submitted to them and would recommend that those of Lodges Nos. 25, 91, 126, 134, and 164 be approved.

That the 22d Section in the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 164 be stricken out and that said amendments be then approved.

The Committee on By-laws further report, that they would recommend that the alterations of the By-laws of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, be approved.

That to Art. III. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 259 the words "But no Brother in arrears shall be eligible to either of said

offices or entitled to vote." That Art. VIII. of said By-laws be stricken out and the following substituted, "Petitions for Initiations and Membership and the proceedings thereon shall in all respects conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge. See this rule, Ahiman Rezon, folios 160 and 161. Each petition for Initiation shall be accompanied by the sum of seven dollars, which if the applicant be rejected shall be returned to him, but if elected shall be received on account of his initiation fee. If the applicant (having been approved and duly notified) shall for a space of six months neglect to come forward to be initiated, the said sum of seven dollars and all the rights and privileges obtained thereby, by said approval, shall be forfeited, unless he satisfy the Lodge that he was prevented from so doing by sickness or other casualty." That Art. XVI. be stricken out and the following substituted: "any member continuing in arrears to this Lodge one year after having been notified thereof may be suspended or expelled." That Art. XVII. be stricken out and the following substituted: "The causes for suspension and expulsion, charges and the proceedings thereon shall be, as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon." And that the said By-laws be approved, with directions to the said Lodge to add to their By-laws another Article, setting forth the Initiation and other fees to be paid and return the same to the Grand Lodge for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed. JAMES PAGE,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

Communications were received from the following Lodges appointing proxies. When on motion duly made and seconded, the communications were received and the following named Brethren duly acknowledged as proxies of said Lodges, viz.:

Lodge No. 153, appointed Bro. Washington L. Bladen.
" " 223, do. " John Thornley.
" " 261, do. " B. M. Dusenberry.
" " 267, do. " Francis Blackburne.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read when on motion it was ordered to be recorded and filed, to wit:

To the R. Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarters ending September 30th and December 31st, 1852.

RECEIPTS.

For Lodge dues, rents, &c.	$3,776 86	
" Chestnut St. Hall, including stores	2,684 34	
" Third St. Hall	90 00	
" New Warrant	81 00	
" Dispensations and G. L. Certificates	551 00	
		$7,183 20

PAYMENTS.

For Expenses, Chestnut St. Hall	$307 85	
" Interest	1,827 42	
" Gas bills	111 15	
" Taxes	1,205 45	
" Trustees of Sinking Fund paid Treasurer	2,881 25	
" Expenses constituting new Lodge at York	97 66	
" Salaries Grand Treasr., G. Secty. and G. Tyler	822 00	
		7,252 78
Amount of payments exceeding receipts		$69 58
Bal. of cash June 30th, 1852		$3,252 11
Bal of cash on hand Dec. 31st, 1852		3,182 53
Difference as above		$69 58

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. THOMSON, GEORGE SMITH,
DANIEL THOMPSON, JOSEPH S. RILEY,
Committee on Finance.

The following communication was read and on motion referred to a special Committee of Three, viz.:

PHILADA., Mar. 4th, 1853.

To the R. W. G. Master and Grand Officers of the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIRS,—The petitioner having made application for Initiation and Membership in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, in April last, and having been informed I was rejected, I am reluctantly compelled to ask of your honorable body a Committee of Investigation, that I may have an opportunity to meet my accusers, as an honest man and a good citizen of Philadelphia.

And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c., &c.

Yours truly,

—— ——.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Bros. James Simpson, John F. Hutchinson and John McIntire, Committee.

The following communication was read also the request for a reballot in the case of rejection of —— ——. When on motion the request was granted, viz.:

READING, Dec. 6th, 1852.

SIR AND BRO.—By a resolution of Lodge No. 62 I have been requested to ask permission to have a reballot for —— —— ——, who was reballoted for according to the A. R. on the 6th of Oct., 1852, and rejected.

Yours fraternally,

S. H. GARRIGUES,
Secy. Lodge No. 62.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— —— in relation to certain charges now under investigation by a Committee from this Grand Lodge and asking for the withdrawal of the same. When on motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips it was *Resolved*, that Bro. —— have power to withdraw his appeal and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The following resolution offered by P. G. M. Bro. James Page was read and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that a special Committee of Three be appointed to examine into the manner of keeping the accounts of the Grand Lodge and collecting the revenue and report whether any and what improvements can be had thereon, also to ascertain what changes have been made in the Ahiman Rezon, with a view to a publication of all amendments for the use and information of the Grand Lodge. James Page, B. M. Dusenberry and John H. Casey were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Bro. William English the following resolution was adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, in whose names the deeds of the Germantown property is held, be authorized to sell said property for the benefit of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

The following report was received and read and the Committee discharged. The resolution attached thereto was also adopted.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned to whom was recommitted the report they made to the R. W. Grand Lodge on the 7th of Dec. last, on the case of Mr. —— ——, ask leave respectfully again to report,

That obeying the directions of the R. W. G. L. the undersigned again took up the case of Mr. —— —— and opened the consideration of the several circumstances connected therewith.

The undersigned caused due notice and the time and place of the meeting and the undersigned as your Committee to be given to Lodge No. 19, by addressing a note to Bro. Cooper the W. M. of said Lodge and also to Mr. ——.

At the time and place fixed for the meeting your Committee the undersigned met at the hall at 8 o'c., P. M., on the evening 7th of February, 1853. Your Committee adjourned until 8 o'c. on the evening of Monday the 14th of February. The undersigned are of opinion from the information presented to them that Mr. ——'s character is unimpeachable as a man and a citizen, that he, under misapprehension as to the regulations and rules which he was necessarily ignorant, used language which was offensive to those who heard it; that said language

was the result of supposed rights of his application for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 19 and that he now sincerely regrets the expression which he, even at this time, did not consider would receive the interpretation the words themselves bore.

The undersigned therefore proposes the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, that —— —— be allowed to withdraw his petition for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 19.

Resolved, that your Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Most respectfully submitted.

RICHARD VAUX,
EDMOND BARRINGTON,
Committee.

PHIL., Feby. 22d, 1853.

Brother William M. Martin called up his resolution which he offered on the 27th of Dec. last and after several amendments, said resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed and directed to prepare, as required by the Ahiman Rezon, as early as practicable, a correct alphabetical list of expulsions, suspensions and rejections and the causes therefor as returned by the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and have said list printed and a copy of such forwarded to each respective Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and a copy of them placed in the Tyler's possession.

The following resolution offered by Bro. George H. Oliver was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that upon the rejection of an applicant or member rejected, suspended or expelled, the Secretary of the subordinate Lodge, in which such rejection, suspension or expulsion shall be had, shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately notify all the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

The following resolution offered by Brother Robert McCulloch was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, viz.:

Resolved, that John Riddel, the architect, be paid the sum of fifty dollars for the original plans and drawings for the new Masonic Hall, being the amount given for the rejected plans.

General returns were received, read and ordered to be entered and filed, viz.:

Lodges Nos. 2, 21, 22, 25, 45, 51, 52, 60, 61, 62, 67, 71, 75, 81, 106, 108, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 148, 152, 155, 158, 187, 190, 194, 197, 199, 203, 218, 220, 223, 224, 229, 230, 234, 235, 238, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 247, 250, 252, 255, 256, 258, 259, 261, 263, 264, 91, 211, 225, 226, 237, 248, 239, 260, 246, 227.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ to 11 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22d, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" W. H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" W. H. Neeson, R. W. D. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" J. W. Martien, J. G. do., p. t.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer.
" C. Bard Reese and William Leach, } G. Stewards.
" Thos. E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page, C. Stevenson and William Whitney, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Blackburne, Oat, Weight, Graham.
"	3,	"	Padmore, Ashton, Colladay, Carter, Hatfield, English, Bilger, Skerrett.
"	9,	"	Thorp, Crow, Leach, Kelly, Atkinson, Cropley, Brothers.
"	19,	"	Cooper, Wilson, Childs, Bradley, Patton, Thornley.
"	25,	"	Benezet, Richea, Dungan, Scott, Keim.
"	43,	"	Cooper.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Evans, Baggs, Whitney.
"	52,	"	Engard, Fitch, Ferguson, Pearson, Smith, Patton, Wilson.
"	59,	"	Jayne, Adams, Neeson, Davenport, Watson.
"	67,	"	Weeks, Hutchinson, Squibb, Wagner, Smith, Reese, Baugh, Martin, Field.
"	71,	"	Kaufman, Hutchinson, Smith, Bladen, Frishmuth.
"	72,	"	Chase, McCord, H. M. Phillips, Colladay, Williams, Stevenson.
"	91,	"	Perkins, Swain, Hinchman.
"	114,	"	Sharp, Thomson, Baxter, Clark.
"	115,	"	Phillips, Heyl, Archambault, Sickel, Flinn, Heimburger, Heylan.
"	121,	"	Vaux, Foering, Mitchell, See.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Scheide, Steiner, Remak, Ziegler, Osner, Kohn, Buehler.
"	126,	"	Page, Hand, McCulloch.
"	130,	"	Piper, Clemens, Brown, Lescure, Young, Riley, Strickland, Easby.
"	131,	"	Moore, Matlack.
"	134,	"	Klapp, King, Stocker, Norris.
"	152,	"	Porter.
"	155,	"	Gaul.
"	158,	"	Baird, Roberts, Rickards.
"	186,	"	Barrington, Bigley, Little, Farrell, Fletcher, Smith.
"	187,	"	Albertson, McCahen, Bell, Wilkinson, Purvis.
"	211,	"	Page, Dorlan, Peal, Cartwright.

No. 236, Bro. McCay.
" 246, " Carr.
" 246, " Sager.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 45, 60, 61, 62, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 156, 164, 199, 218, 223, 226, 233, 234, 248, 253, 259, 260.

Thirty Lodges represented by members, twenty-three Lodges represented by proxy, making in all fifty-three Lodges.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past six o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and said that he had at the request of the Building Committee called the Grand Lodge together to hear their report.

Past Grand Master James Page, read the following report from the Building Committee, (to wit):—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Building Committee respectfully report:—

That immediately on the notification of their appointment they were called together by the Chairman, organized, and at once proceeded to the discharge of the important duty confided to them.

Their first care was to have prepared the specifications, a copy of which is herewith furnished, and the plans and elevations of the building, designed to be erected on the old lot in Chestnut Street, according to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge. This took some time and caused considerable labor. It was found indispensable to make a few changes in the plan of building to render it more available and productive when completed for the purposes designed, as a new feature, sub-cellars, were resolved upon by a unanimous vote; and additional strength was deemed advisable in some of the interior walls, also a change in the shape of the Grand Lodge room, with a view to better accommodation for the visiting Brethren and facilitating the business of the Grand Lodge, the cost of which will be about $16,000. As soon as the Committee were in a condition to invite proposals they did so by addressing some ten or fifteen of the most prominent of our builders and contractors, including Bro. Notman, the architect, who declined being a competitor in the then state of affairs.

Proposals were submitted by the following persons and the amounts opposite their respective names, viz.:

Messrs. Kilgore and Huddus, $160,000 and allow $4750 for old hall.

Samuel Rain, $157,444 and allow $5000 for old hall.

Andrew D. Caldwell, $143,600 and allow $5600 for old hall.

Wesley Ballinger, $162,224 and allow $7000 for old hall.

John Wilson, $147,000 and allow $5000 for old hall.

Edward S. Fitch, $150,600 and allow $7500 for old hall.

As the sum granted by the Grand Lodge $85,000 and all the proposals were not much short of double that amount, it became obvious that further movement in the absence of more reasonable proposals was impossible.

Application was then made to Bro. Notman under the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that Bro. Notman be requested to furnish this Committee with his estimate of putting up the Masonic Hall, according to the plans and specifications submitted by him and embracing the changes suggested by the Building Committee, including therein the material of the old building and that said estimate be furnished the Building Committee by to-morrow morning at 12 o'clock.

To this after a day or two's necessary delay the following answer was received.

To the Building Committee of the new Masonic Hall.

Gentlemen,—To meet your request in note received of 14th inst. I have carefully estimated the work and materials required for the new Masonic Hall and find that the amount besides the old building is.....$126,350

My estimate of the front and tower and the decorations of rooms is as before, viz.: the difference between $51,000 and $85,000 and the old material. 34,000

The basement increases the cost..... $16,000

Shewing the building without a front to be..... $76,350

The Committee on Plans estimate was..... 51,000

A mistake of about 50 per cent. or..... $25,350

for which I am in no way responsible.

I decline making any offer as before, the builders' offers being still undecided, but will cheerfully give you any information you may desire further, in the details of the above estimate which is respectfully submitted, Gentlemen, by

Your obedient servant,

JOHN NOTMAN.

PHIL., Mar. 18th, 1853.

As it is certain that the proposed new hall cannot be put up for the sum of $85,000 with or without the changes, which subsequent examination has shewn to be indispensable, it follows that the labors of the Committee must cease, until some other action is had in the premises by the Grand Lodge, what that action shall be is not for them to suggest, they merely state the facts and leave the decision to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge.

Signed (in behalf of the Committee), JAMES PAGE,
Chairman.

PHIL., Mar. 18th, 1853.

Bro. John K. Mitchell offered the following resolution which was duly seconded, viz.:

Resolved, that the Building Committee be authorized to contract for the execution of Bro. John Notman's plan, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

Bro. James M. Porter moved to amend Bro. John K. Mitchell's resolution by striking out all after the words resolved and insert, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The question on the amendment being put was lost.

The R. W. Grand Master being taken suddenly ill was obliged to leave the Grand Lodge Room.

When Bro. James Hutchinson, R. W. D. Grand Master, took the chair and stated that in consequence of the sudden illness of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, he would proceed to close the Grand Lodge.

Previous to doing so Bro. James M. Porter offered the following which he desired might lie over for further consideration, viz.:

Resolved, that the Building Committee be instructed to re-

port a plan or plans for a Masonic Hall, which shall not exceed in cost the sum of eighty five thousand dollars.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

When the Grand Lodge closed at 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4th, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. Gr. Treas.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
(Acting for W. H. Adams, G. S., who was confined to his room by severe indisposition.)
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" John S. Benezet, J. G. do. p. t.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" C. Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page and William Whitney, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Weight, Graham, Oat, Blackburne.
" 3, " Webb, Hatfield, Padmore, Thomson, Bilger, Martin, Skerrett, King, English, Carter.
" 9, " Kelly, Thorp, Leach, Atkinson.
" 19, " Hodges, Wilson, Bradley, Childs, Patton.
" 25, " Benezet.
" 51, " Evans, Thomson, Whitney, Baggs.
" 52, " Fitch, Brick, Engard, Pearson, Wilson.
" 59, " Watson, Neeson, Jayne, McPherson.

No. 67, Bros. Wagner, Simpson, Jos. Hutchinson, James, Hutchinson, Reese, Smith, Squibb, Weeks, Martien, Baugh, Jones.
" 71, " Bladen, Hutchinson, Frishmuth, Golden, Kauffman.
" 72, " Ellis, Thompson, Williams, West, Chase, Phillips.
" 91, " Perkins, Casey, Swain, Hutchinson.
" 114, " Clark, Baxter, Thomson, Sharp.
" 115, " Heyl, Heylan, Heimburger, Phillips, Flinn.
" 121, " Smith, See, Foering, Mitchell, Mott.
" 125, " Bournonville, Steiner, Remak, Kohn, Ziegler.
" 126, " Page, McCulloch, Hesser.
" 130, " McGrath, Strickland, Lescure, Easby, Brown, Clements, Riley, Young, Piper.
" 131, " Moon, Matlack.
" 134, " King, Roney, Butler, Klapp, Williamson.
" 155, " Martin, Allen, Clinton, John Allen, Bacon.
" 158, " Oliver, Read, Roberts.
" 186, " Horner, Farrell, Gaskill, Smith, Begley, Barrington.
" 187, " Albertson, Loeser, McCahen, Purvis.
" 211, " Cartwright.
" 248, " Smith.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 45, 60, 61, 62, 106, 108, 143, 144, 148, 156, 163, 218, 220, 221, 226, 234, 241, 253, 254, 259, 260.

Twenty-six Lodges represented by members, twenty-three Lodges represented by proxies, making in all forty-nine Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past seven o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and stated that he had called the Grand Lodge together for the further discussion of the report of the Building Committee presented March 22nd, 1853.

The Grand Treasurer asked permission to state before entering on the business of the evening that there was a large balance in his hands. When on motion he was directed to pay off the bond and mortgage on this hall for $6666.66, originally given to James C. Fisher by Robert Kidd.

The R. W. Grand Master then caused the Minutes of Special

Communication held Monday, March 22d, 1853, to be read, when Brother James M. Porter's resolution, offered at Special Meeting Mar. 22d, 1853, was called up for consideration. Brother English then moved to lay Brother Mitchell's resolution and the amendment by Bro. Porter on the table for the purpose of introducing the following:

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has determined by a decision to erect a new hall for Masonic purposes on a lot in Chestnut Street west of 7th St. and has adopted a plan, upon which said Hall shall be constructed limiting the cost to $85,000 and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of such determination a Building Committee was appointed to prosecute said plan to completion, which Committee, after preparing specifications and receiving proposals, have found that a hall cannot be erected in accordance with the plan adopted at a less cost than one hundred and forty three thousand dollars and have so reported to this Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, it seems to be the settled determination of this Grand Lodge to erect a hall on said lot, which shall be alike creditable to the Order and commodious for its members, combining in its construction four stores (as source of revenue) in the first story thereof and

WHEREAS, the loan authorized by this Grand Lodge to effect that object and to extinguish its present indebtedness is inadequate to accomplish the purposes contemplated. Therefore with a view to meet all the requirements and liabilities here-in-before recited be it

Resolved, that the Trustees of the new Masonic Loan appointed under a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge on the 20th of December last, be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to extend the amount of the Loan, then authorized to be negotiated for the payment of the cost of erecting a new Masonic Hall and for the extinguishment of the present indebtedness of this Grand Lodge, to the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, said loan to be subject to all the terms and conditions provided for in said resolution December 20th, 1852.

Resolved, that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars *and no more be* and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of said Building Committee, to be by them applied to the erec-

tion of a new Masonic Hall on the lot in Chestnut Street west of Seventh, and that said Committee be and are hereby authorized and instructed to receive and decide upon plans and proposals for the building of said hall, in a manner and style suitable for the purposes contemplated by this Grand Lodge and that said Committee proceed to the discharge of their duties, under this and the previous resolutions of this Grand Lodge, forthwith and use all due diligence for the early completion of said hall, provided the same can be done, in a manner satisfactory to said Committee, at a cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars and the use of the old material now on the premises.

The motion of Bro. English to lay Brother Mitchell's resolution and Bro. Porter's amendment on the table was put and carried.

The first resolution of Bro. William English was then taken up, when Bro. Joseph S. Riley moved to lay said resolution on the table, for the purpose of taking up the second resolution. The question being taken on the resolution it was decided as lost.

Brother William English's resolution No. 1 was then taken up and adopted.

The resolution No. 2 was then read and adopted.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9 o'clock, P. M.

Signed, WILLIAM H. NEESON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18th, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication in hall South 3d Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. do.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.

Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" J. W. Martien, J. G. do., p. t.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" James Simpson, G. Sword Bearer.
" Charles Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
Bros. Page, Barger, Fritz and Whitney, Past G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Burden, Blackburne, Graham.
" 3, " English, Hall, Padmore, Thomson, Colladay, Martin, Ashton, Robinson, Meteer, King, Bilger, Carter.
" 9, " Cropley, Leach, Kelly, McMullin, Atkinson, Thorp, Dorsey.
" 19, " English, Bradley, Patton, Childs, Murphy, Nichols.
" 25, " Benezet.
" 51, " Evans, Thomson, Baggs, Whitney.
" 52, " Engard, Fitch, Kelly, Yeager, Patton, Ferguson, Pearson.
" 59, " Watson, Adams, Neeson, McPherson, Davenport, Jayne.
" 67, " Jones, Jas. Hutchinson, Squibb, Smith, Simpson, Baugh, Martien, Reese, Conrad, Easby, Weeks, Jos. Hutchinson.
" 71, " Hutchinson, Balden, Kauffman, Jones, Golden, Frismuth.
" 72, " Thomson, Chase, West, Colladay, Phillips, Williams, Barger, Ashton, Peacock.
" 91, " Swain, Hinchman, Perkins, Casey.
" 114, " Clark, Steel, Baxter, Thomson, Thompson, Sharp.
" 115, " Heimburger, Phillips, Fling, Shultz, Heylin.
" 121, " Smith, Mitchell, Vaux, See.
" 125, " Buehler, Bournonville, Kohn, Remak, Ziegler.

No. 126, Bros. McCulloch, Page, Piper, Hand, Witham, Simpson.
" 130, " McGrath, Lescure, Riley, Strickland, Young, Brown, Harper, Clemens.
" 131, " Moore, Matlack.
" 134, " Klapp, Stocker, Norris, Booth, Williamson, Frazer, King, Dusenberry.
" 155, " Martin, Fritz, Laws, Allen, Bacon.
" 158, " Reid, Oliver.
" 186, " Farrell, Smith, Little, Bigley.
" 187, " Purvis, Albertson, Coates, Loeser, McCahen.
" 211, " Cartwright, Peall, Wright, Davidson, Page, Haney.
" 230, " Beenken.
" 254, " Morton.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 43, 45, 70, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 156, 163, 164, 199, 218, 219, 221, 226, 233, 241, 253, 254, 259, 260, 262.

Twenty-eight Lodges represented by members, twenty-five Lodges represented by proxy, making in all fifty-three Lodges.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and stated that at the request of the Building Committee he had called the Grand Lodge together to hear their report upon an important subject.

Past Grand Master Bro. James Page, Chairman of the Committee then read as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Building Committee respectfully report, that immediately after the passage of the resolution, by which the Grand Lodge placed the matter of the erection of the proposed New Hall on the lot in Chestnut Street entirely under their charge, they met at the call of the Chairman and after mature consideration agreed to assume and carry out the weighty and important responsibility cast upon them, by the confidence and action of the Grand Lodge.

The first step taken was to invite the architects of the City, principally those who had been before competitors in the furnishing of a design for the front; (Bro. John Notman included) to present new plans therefor, it being stated to them that the cost of erecting the whole building was not to exceed $90,000. The Committee from abundant caution wishing to reserve a margin of at least ten thousand dollars to meet contingencies. From Mr. Notman the following answer was returned:

GENTLEMEN,—I have received from your Secretary a note inviting from me that which I have already furnished, viz.: a design and drawing of front for the New Hall, this I have delivered which has been approved by the Grand Lodge, at the same time I am appointed as Architect, for the New Masonic Hall with the Building Committee and commissioned with you to adopt and complete a plan suited to the (my) design selected.

This I have done with your entire approbation and, by your orders, I have made all the drawings necessary to illustrate and explain in all its parts, the design and plan, and further, by your orders, I have drawn and written out specifications of the whole work and materials for contractors, and again at your request, and in my professional duty, I have estimated the whole building, all of which I have submitted to you. I declined to make an offer as you requested (as it would have been tampering with the rights of the builders who have made offers) while your decision was pending.

Having thus far matured the proceedings and perfected the drawings for contract, I am prepared to proceed with the building, or will cheerfully and without delay simplify or modify my design for you, or make a new one suited to the plan in any style of architecture, so as to meet the proposed expenditure as your appointed Architect and professional adviser. If you depend solely upon me, as is usual with Building Committees at this stage of the business, I feel bound to do this without charge. The usual courtesy being extended to me without competition, as my design in every way made current by you, shews all you want to others, and it is at once suggestive in every shape of the desired building, such competition would now be unfair and Masonically dishonorable.

The compensation of an architect, capable of building his designs, is 5 per cent. on the whole cost of the building, should the Grand Lodge by you decide not to build. My charge as far as I have proceeded would be (3) three per cent. upon the whole estimate, should you decide to build, with or without my plan and drawings, or my further services, my charge would be five (5) per cent. on the last lowest estimate of the whole building.

I suppose these cases to make clear my answer to your question of what is my charge and, as the Grand Lodge is not incorporated, that I may depend upon the responsibility of you gentlemen, as the Building Committee, for the value of my services, rendered or to be rendered, for if you now invite me to further competition I must charge in addition to the above. If you ask me to modify or make new designs employed alone, as the architect, I repeat I will make them in every style and form and immediately on your answer and orders (which I wait) depend my proceedings and I am, Gentlemen,

Fraternally and respectfully

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN NOTMAN,
Archt.

APRIL 7th, 1853.

On the receipt of this communication it was referred to the Chairman of the Committee, for his examination and opinion. This he submitted at the next meeting in the following terms:

EXHIBIT A.

I have carefully examined the extraordinary letter of Mr. Notman. I have also gone over the proceedings of the Committee on Plans, the action of the Grand Lodge and the proceedings of the Building Committee and no where do I find that Mr. John Notman was ever engaged, or contracted with as the architect for the erection of the New Hall, or as superintendent of the proposed building. He was originally applied to, by the Committee on Plans, to submit a design for the front, under a notice addressed in common to all the architects, that for the one approved and adopted the price allowed would be $150, with the expectation that the successful architect might be employed as the superintendent of the building, provided the contracting parties could agree upon the terms. A contract rendered impossible by the fact that the proposed New Hall could not be put up for the sum limited by the Grand Lodge, within which limit Mr. Notman with full knowledge of the amount, was bound in making his design for the front strictly to bring the cost. He has been simply employed as an architect to furnish a plan for the front and to assist in the details of the interior plan and arrangements, a plan and arrangement in no way originating with, or designed by him, and in the preparation of the specifications and for former is entitled to $150.00 and for the latter to such fair compensation as his labors may be worth; but inasmuch as Mr. Notman has assumed in his communication that at the "Same time his plan was approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge he was "appointed as architect for the New Hall with the Building Committee and "commissioned with them to adopt and complete a plan suitable to the "design (his) selected and regards himself as "the appointed architect and "professional adviser of this Committee," a position which they do not now and never did consider him as occupying.

I conceive that it is not the duty, nor province, of this Committee to assume the responsibility and decide the question, but they should in my opinion refer the whole matter to the Grand Lodge for its action.

I am further of opinion that a communication should be addressed to Mr. Notman expressing the surprise of this Committee, at the extraordinary and unjust position he has assumed, and to utterly deny that he ever was engaged as the architect or superintendent for the erection of the building by this Grand Lodge, or any one authorized in its behalf. His right to compensation being limited to what may be fairly due him for the plan of the front and for such drawings and services as he subsequently and occasionally rendered the Grand Lodge, through the Committee, and further that the recent invitation to him to present a design for the front, should be withdrawn and he informed that his letter together with a report from the Committee will be submitted to a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Chairman was then instructed to address Mr. Notman which he did as follows and the correspondence then closed, viz.:

PHILA., April 8th, 1853.

Mr. John Notman.

SIR,—I am directed by the Building Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pa. to express to you their surprise and astonishment at the extraordinary and unjust position you have assumed in your communication of the 7th inst., and

utterly to deny that you ever were engaged as the architect or superintendent for the erection of the proposed New Hall, either by the Grand Lodge, or by any one authorized to act in its behalf. Your right to compensation being limited to what may be fairly due you for the plan of the front and for such drawings and services as you subsequently and occasionally may have rendered the Grand Lodge through that Committee.

I am further instructed to inform you that the recent invitation to present a design for the front is now withdrawn, by the said Committee and that your last communication together with a special report from them will be submitted to the Grand Lodge at a Special Grand Communication to be held on the 18th inst., at their Hall in South 3rd Street.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES PAGE,
Chairman of Building Committee.

The position assumed by Mr. Notman and the right he claims will doubtless cause as much surprise and astonishment to the Grand Lodge, as it created in the Committee.

As he takes the ground of being appointed and selected as the architect or superintendant for the erection of the proposed New Hall, and as such considers himself associated with the Committee in the performance of their trust, an association the Committee utterly repudiate, because they believe no such appointment or selection ever was designed, or made by the Grand Lodge, but still remains an open question, to be settled by a contract to that effect, whenever it shall become necessary to make one. They have deemed it their duty (although it has in no respect interfered with, nor shall it retard their labors) to report this extraordinary claim at once to the Grand Lodge, as the appropriate body to decide what action shall be taken in regard to it.

To enable the Grand Lodge fully to understand the subject the Committee will now state so much of the proceedings before the Committee on Plans in the presence of the Grand Lodge and with the Building Committee, as has any connexion with the question now submitted.

On the 4th October, 1852, the Committee on Plans instructed the Secretary to mention to the architects the terms on which they should draw their designs, $25.00 for each of the rejected plans and $150 for the successful one, or the Grand Lodge to engage the services of the architect as the superintendent of the building during its erection. The Secretary sent letters as directed. He also reported that the architects complained of the price to be allowed for the rejected plans, the short time for preparation and that he had made suggestions to them as to the interior of the building. It was then ordered that $50.00 be paid for each rejected plan and $150.00 for the successful one, or else an engagement as superintendent of the building during its erection. The Secretary sent letters to all of the architects notifying them of the advance in price of rejected plans.

November 1st, 1852, plans for the front were received from several architects including one from Mr. Notman accompanied by the following letter:

DEAR SIR:—I send you herewith designs for the New Masonic Hall and regret that the short time I have had for their preparation prevents their

being completed. I beg you to notice that in submitting them to the Committee I do so and have made them in performance of a promise to many friends amongst the Brethern and not in competition. I therefore do not adhere to the terms of the competition as to payment and as retaining the plans as in your letter of October 5th, but prefer the immediate return of the drawings, without remuneration should they not be adopted for construction by the Committee which is respectfully submitted.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

Nov. 1, 1852. JOHN NOTMAN.

To Francis Blackburne, Esq., Sec. Building Committee Masonic Hall.

These plans were examined and discussed at this meeting and the one held on the 3d and on the 5th those of Mr. Notman, Sloan and Collins were ordered to be returned to them, that they might redraw to conform to the interior, as required by the Committee and also on a larger scale for further examination.

Meetings were held on the 9th and 16th of November at which the Committee were principally occupied in the estimates for the front of the building and the different plans embracing the interior. When a ballot was had on the various designs for the front and Mr. Collins' was adopted and recommended to the Grand Lodge and a report presented to that body (see printed report of Committee on Plans) and here ended the labors of the Committee on Plans, excepting that another meeting was held on the 2nd of December, when the Chairman was instructed to communicate to the Grand Lodge the fact that Mr. Notman's plan had been surreptitiously removed from the back room of the Hall, without the knowledge of the Committee for the purpose of being altered and improved thereby taking an unfair and undue advantage over the other architects.

The proceedings next in order are those which occurred in the Grand Lodge.

See proceedings of the Grand Lodge November 29th, 1852. Front to be of brown stone, December 7th, 1852. Notman's plan of front approved Dec. 20th, 1852. Mode of Building Committee's appointment fixed upon. Architect to give ample security and the cost not to exceed $85,000 without the approval of the Grand Lodge. The plans of the interior arrangement referred to the Building Committee together with the architect. Committee on Plans discharged. From a number of names submitted to the R. W. G. Master by the several Lodges he selected a Building Committee. Which Committee was organized on the 28th of January, 1853.

They met on the 29th and resolved that the proposed new hall should be built under contract with one person; he giving ample security for the faithful fulfilment of such contract and submitting a plan and full specifications thereof. They directed the Secretary to invite Mr. Notman to attend the next meeting.

January 23d, 1853, Mr. Notman attended and considerable discussion ensued as to the detail in carrying out the plan adopted by the Grand Lodge, when he took the plans away for the purpose of meeting the wishes of the Committee preserving the architectural arrangement wherever practicable.

February 2d, 1853, Mr. Notman attended and had consultations with the Committee.

February 4th, 1853, a communication was received from Mr. Notman estimating the cost of subcellars.

February 7th, 1853, a discussion as to the interior plans or arrangement. Mr. Notman present and the amended and modified plans as to certain portions of the building as presented and proposed by him were adopted.

Meetings took place on the 10th, 14th and 22d when nothing material took place but on the 24th February, 1853, Mr. Notman being present the specifications prepared by him were read and referred to a sub-committee.

February 26th, 1853, Sub-Committee reported a number of alterations and additions to specifications, which were agreed to and they were ordered to be revised and printed.

March 2d, 1853, Report of Sub-committee as to delay in getting the specifications from Mr. Notman.

March 2d, 1853, The specifications were under discussion, with some alterations and additions prepared by Mr. Notman partly adopted and partly rejected and the specifications as finally decided were ordered to be printed.

March 5th and 7th, nothing material but the time for receiving proposals (the circulars having been previously sent to numerous builders) was extended to the 14th of March.

March 8th, Mr. Notman was directed to send the plans and elevation to Grand Secretary's Room before Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Mar. 11th The Committee directed that Mr. Notman be requested to attend at the Hall South 3d street, or send some qualified person to answer all questions that may be desired, by the different persons making estimates for putting up the Hall.

March 14th, Committee met, proposals received and all largely exceeding the limit. Mr. Notman was requested to furnish the Committee with his estimate for putting up the Hall according to the plans and specifications submitted by him and embracing the changes suggested by the Building Committee, including therein the material of the old building.

Mar. 15th, Committee met. Mr. Notman sent the following communication, viz.:

To the Building Committee New Masonic Hall.

GENTLEMEN,—I received your note yesterday asking my offer for building the New Hall, as now specified to day, as my former estimate was based on the declared estimate of the Committee on Plans, that their plan excepting the front could be built for $51,000. I offered my front to them for $75,000 extra, finish of rooms and tower added for $5,000, with materials of old buildings. I have therefore to go over the whole matter anew, unless the Committee on Plans shall stand to their offer, which will take me till Thursday at noon, when I will make a communication with conditions on which I will proceed.

Which is respectfully submitted by, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN NOTMAN.

MARCH 15th, 1853.

March 18th, the following communication was received from Mr. Notman.

To the Building Committee of New Masonic Hall.

GENTLEMEN,—To meet your request in note received of 14th Inst. I have carefully estimated the work and materials required for the New Masonic Hall and find that the amount besides the old building is..... $126,350

My estimate of the front, the tower and the decorations of rooms is as before, viz.:

The difference between $51,000 and $85,000..... and the old material.	34,000
	$92,350
The basement increased the cost.....	16,000
Shewing the building without a front to be.....	$76,350
The Comes. on Plans estimate was.....	51,000
A mistake of about 50 per ct. or,.....	$25,350

for which I am in no way responsible.

I decline making any offer as before the builders offers being still undecided but will cheerfully give you any information you may desire further in the details of the above estimate which is respectfully submitted,

Gentlemen, by your obedient servant,

JOHN NOTMAN.

PHILA., Mar. 18th, 1853.

March 22d, Committee met. Agreed upon a report to the Grand Lodge, setting forth that the proposed New Hall could not be built within the limit of $85,000.

The Grand Lodge on the report passed the following resolution at a special Grand Communication held April 4th, 1853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication Held in Hall South 3rd Street.

PHILA., April 4th, 1853.

The following resolutions offered by Brother English and duly seconded, were adopted:

See resolutions April 4th, folio.

Under these resolutions which in the judgment of the Committee gives it unlimited power as to plans and proposals, restricting them to no particular course or individual in this respect, but confining them simply as to the sum to be expended and they started in the performance of their duties, in the manner hereinbefore stated, by inviting plans and proposals from different architects and with a result so far as Mr. Notman is concerned, just set forth.

With this statement of the course of the transaction between the Grand Lodge and its several committees and Mr. Notman, the Committee might conclude its report. It may not be considered out of place however for them, before doing so, to call the attention of the Grand Lodge particularly to the last communication received from Mr. Notman and some of the positions therein assumed, the more surprising as Mr. Notman was notified in the be-

ginning that he was only to design a plan for the front and as to the contract for superintending the erection of the building, that was to be the subject of after and express arrangement between the parties, provided they could agree upon terms. No such contract has ever been made or entered into. The effort on the part of Mr. Notman seems to be to convert all that passed between him and the Grand Lodge as the architect of the front, necessarily and unavoidably employed in adopting that front to the interior plan (originally with the first committee) into a contract with him as the architect for the erection of the building, by which the Grand Lodge is irrevocably fixed and to which this Committee in every future step is bound to conform, not having the right to invite plans from any others. Whether this effort is to be regarded as a "fair business transaction," or to use his own language as "Masonically dishonourable," is not for the Committee to say, but for the sake of the Order, a purely charitable one in its design and tendencies, and whose funds should be carefully guarded and economically managed, in whatever light it may be considered, they sincerely hope the attempt may prove a complete failure. That he is entitled to the $150.00 for his front plan and to a liberal compensation for his time, skill and services as an architect, in assisting the Committee in arranging and modifying the details and for his drawings and specifications is not denied. When it was found to be impossible to put up the building within the limits fixed, Mr. Notman's plan as well as all others fell through. No doubt it was the leaning of the Grand Lodge, as it was the intention of the Committee, to contract with him as the superintendent for the Building, had the contracts been perfected and Mr. Notman they believe had the same view of the subject himself, until he saw fit to change it through the operation of an afterthought.

In the letter referred to Mr. Notman does not say that he was employed by either Committee as the superintendent for the erection of the building. That engagement he puts upon the Grand Lodge asserting that what the Building Committee subsequently did, was in compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge. It is proper therefore to look at the action of the Grand Lodge to see how far Mr. Notman's position is sustained by its proceedings, in the Minutes there is nothing more to be found than the adoption of his design for the front and a reference of the plan of the interior to the Committee, in conjunction with the architect, on this slender basis he presents a claim which if successful is to deprive the Treasury of a sum exceeding $6000. Such an attempt in the mere business world, as between man and man, would be considered, even if technically available, wanting in fairness and oppressive, as between Brother and Brother, in a Masonic fraternity where the principles of Love and Charity are supposed to be *not* things of form, but matters of substance. It strikes the Committee as being reprehensible and without a precedent in the history of the Order and as tending to the destruction of all confidence among the members of the craft.

The Building Committee being the first to possess a knowledge of the claim through Mr. Notman's formal communication, would have been wanting in duty to the Grand Lodge, and justly liable to reproach, if it had not sought the earliest opportunity of presenting it to the notice of the Grand Lodge and of the Brethren.

Unless otherwise instructed by the Grand Lodge they can have no further communication with Mr. Notman, but are now proceeding and will continue to proceed in the discharge of their duties as if he had never submitted a design. What action if any is to be had in the premises is not for the Committee to suggest.

That they leave where it properly belongs to the Grand Lodge itself.

Signed. JAMES PAGE,
Chairman Building Committee.

APRIL 18th, 1853.

Brother Anthony E. Stocker offered the following which was duly seconded, and which the R. W. G. Master declined putting declaring it out of order, viz.: *Resolved*, that the present Building Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother William English offered the following in writing, viz.:

Resolved, that the report of the Building Committee, together with the course they have adopted and as set forth in said report, design to pursue, be and the same is hereby sanctioned and approved, and that this Grand Lodge will assume all responsibilities for the plan of building, adopted at the Communication of the Grand Lodge held on the 7th of December last and all liabilities growing out of an abandonment of said plan. Considerable discussion took place. When Brother Joseph S. Riley moved to postpone to enable the parties to more fully explain, &c., which was duly seconded; but upon the question being put it was lost by a large majority.

Brother William English's resolution was then taken up and carried by a large majority.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4th, 1853, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication.

To open and constitute the Keystone Lodge, No. 271, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Philada.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. Master.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. do.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Gustavus Remak, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. do.
" James Simpson, S. G. Deacon, p. t.
" Charles Bard Reese, J. G. do. p. t.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" George H. Oliver and William Carr, G. Stewards.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.

The R. W. G. Master upon taking the chair opened the G. Lodge in Ample form at ¼ to 9 o'clock, P. M.

A large number of the members of the Grand Lodge and visiting Brethren were present.

The Warrant was read by the Grand Secretary. When the Lodge was duly dedicated.

The R. W. G. Master then proceeded to the Constitution, &c. A summary of the ancient charges was read to the W. Master by the Grand Secretary. This being completed, and the questions satisfactorily answered, all but Past Masters were desired to withdraw, having done so the W. Master Bro. Jacob Meyer was duly Installed in the presence of Past Masters.

The Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted when Bro. H. J. Brown was Installed Senior Warden, Bro. S. M. Klosser, Junior Warden.

Bros. Haswell, Cunnington, Goodall and Bergfield were present and added much to the solemnities of the occasion by performing several pieces of music and singing several very appropriate melodies suited to the occasion. When Bro. William H. Adams offered the following resolution which was duly seconded and unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be cordially given to Bros. Cunnington, Goodall, Bergfield and Haswell for their kindness in assisting in the ceremonies of this evening in constituting Keystone Lodge, No. 271.

When the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Sec. Grand Lodge of Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6th, 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, Hall South Third Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. T.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, D. G. Sec.
" Edward T. Mott, S. G. Deacon.
" James Simpson, J. G. do.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Charles Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" Samuel H. Perkins, James Page, Past Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Mosely, Blackburne, Weight, Graham.
" 3, " English, Meteer, Thomson, Padmore.
" 9, " Leach, Kelly, Crow.
" 19, " Bradley, Nichols.
" 25, " Benezet.
" 51, " Baggs, Thomson, O'Neil, Howell, Workman.
" 52, " Patton, Smith, Pearson, Ferguson, Kelly, Fitch.
" 59, " Jayne, Adams, Neeson.
" 67, " Jos. Hutchinson, Jas. Hutchinson, Laudenslager, Jones, Reese, Smith, Baugh, Weeks, Martien, Simpson, Squibb.

No.	71,	Bros.	Golden, Kauffman, Van Collem, Bladen, Hutchinson, Frismuth.
"	72,	"	Colladay, Phillips, Ashton, Williams, West, Thompson, H. M. Phillips.
"	81,	"	Fulton, Fling, Snyder, Kulp.
"	91,	"	Hinchman, Perkins, S. H. Perkins, Sleeper.
"	114,	"	Clark, Thomson, Baxter, Sharp.
"	115,	"	Heimburger, McCloud, Phillips.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, Smith, See, Mott.
"	125,	"	Steiner, Bournonville, Kohn, Ziegler, Scheide.
"	126,	"	McCulloch, Page, Hand.
"	130,	"	Riley, Lescure, Young, Strickland, Easby, Piper, Clemens, Brown.
"	131,	"	Moore, Matlack.
"	134,	"	Stocker, King, Williamson.
"	155,	"	Martin.
"	158,	"	Shields, Oliver, Reed.
"	186,	"	Smith, Gaskill, Little.
"	187,	"	Loeser, Purvis.
"	203,	"	Weeks.
"	211,	"	Page, Cartwright, Bennett.
"	236,	"	McCay.
"	245,	"	Carr.
"	260,	"	Blumenthal.
"	266,	"	Morris.
"	271,	"	Klosser.

Proxies: 21, 45, 106, 138, 143, 148, 153, 156, 163, 199, 218, 220, 221, 226, 233, 234, 241, 250, 253, 259, 267.

Fifty-three Lodges represented, thirty-two Lodges by members, twenty-one by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of March 7th, 1853, were read and approved.

The Minutes of Special Communication held March 22nd, 1853, were read and approved.

The Minutes of Special Communication held April 4th, 1853, were read and approved.

The Minutes of Special Communication held April 18th, 1853, were read and approved.

The R. W. G. Master arose and made the following statement, to wit:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge agreeably to resolutions of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers have had under consideration the applications for new Warrants thus referred and have granted the following, viz.: one to Butler, Butler County, Penna.; one to Birmingham, Allegheny Co., Pa.; one to Philada., and one to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The other two are still under advisement, viz.: at Morgan's Corner and Carmichaelstown, Green Co., Pa.

The application for the revival of Lodge No. 183, at Treddefferin, Lancaster County, Pa., is still under consideration.

The application for the revival of Lodge No. 150, the Grand Officers recommend indefinite postponement, the books, Warrant, &c., never having been returned, agreeably to the Ahiman Rezon.

Accompanied by the Grand Officers I have visited thirteen Lodges since the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Minutes of said Lodges have been carefully examined by the Grand Secretary for a period of averaging nearly four years, when after a friendly review of the proceedings of each Lodge as reported by the Grand Secretary, I delivered a short address which was in every instance kindly received and attentively listened to with evidence of respect for the parent power. I have no doubt the advice given, in relation to the records and the moral lessons I have endeavored to teach, will be of some benefit to the Craft. The more I have seen of these visitations the more I am impressed with the utility of their continuance. If this inquest was not made, into their proceedings and the records of each Lodge, our language and forms in a little time would be much impaired, if not entirely lost sight of; it further shows that the Grand Lodge cares for the welfare and improvement of the subordinate Lodges, that she is not only over, but goes into and with them in all their doings of usefulness.

These visits must not therefore be deemed mere matters of ceremony, but what they really are to improve and to correct any errors that may have inadvertently crept in, either in the records, or the work itself and as far as possible preserve inviolate our ancient forms, language, &c., and to so hand them

down to generations, which may exist long after we have passed from this busy life.

The Grand Visitations will be resumed early in October next; in the intermediate time it is my intention to visit as many of the Lodges in the interior of the state as possible.

Not a light duty I assure you is thus imposed upon the Grand Master and the Grand Officers, but the usage of the Craft and the rules which have been in practice for many years (of the Grand Lodge) have made it a duty and it will ever be a pleasure to me to visit the Lodges. See the Brethren thus intrusted to my care dwelling together peaceably and happy, vieing with each other in good work and striving which can best work or best agree.

I take this opportunity to further state that I have appointed Bro. William Badger one of the Trustees of the New Masonic Loan in place of Bro. Frederick Lenning, who resigned in consequence of the resolution of the Grand Lodge forming said Trustees, requiring them all to be members of the Grand Lodge.

Said Board, as well as the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, have held several meetings and every thing is progressing as speedily as can be.

In a few days the Grand Treasurer will be enabled to receive installments or the whole amount of shares for the new Loan, for the purpose of first paying off any balance which may remain unpaid of the old loan and building a new Masonic Hall, as agreed upon by the Grand Lodge of the time of opening said book, due notice will be given either in the public papers, or by special notice to the Brethren.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 232, at Jersey Shore, appointing Bro. James L. Hutchinson proxy, when on motion the communication was ordered to be entered and filed and Bro. J. L. Hutchinson duly acknowledged as their proxy.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 194, at Selins Grove, appointing Bro. Robert P. King their proxy. When on motion Bro. Robert P. King was duly acknowledged as such.

An application was read from Bros. Obed. Edson, J. W. Fishkill and P. F. Gibbon and others for a new Lodge at Johns-

town, Cambria Co., Pa. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was read from Bros. Jno. W. Coulter, M. Runyan, Jesse A. Cunningham and others for a new Lodge at Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pa. Which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was also read from Bros. Levi Bigalow, Alpheus Sanderson, Charles G. Dennison and others for a new Lodge at Tioga, Tioga County, Penna. Which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Special returns were read from the following Lodges and on motion were ordered to be entered and filed, Nos. 3, 62, 72, 114, 134, 138, and 156.

On motion that part of No. 3 in relation to the rejection of Mr. —— —— —— an applicant for Initiation and Membership was referred back, as the Lodge had not yet finally acted in the matter.

A report from the Trustees of the New Masonic Loan was read and after considerable discussion was slightly amended with the following words:

Insert after the word "Exclusively," "In the first place to the extinguishment of the old debt and in the next place to the erection of a new hall," and as amended was approved.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read, approved and the two accompanying resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. G. L. of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report,

That they have received from interest and dividends on investments since the last report dated May 28th, 1852, the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty-six 23/100 dollars $2,146 23

To which add balance in bank at that date as per their report 1,472 12

Also amount of Certificate No. 861 of State 5s paid off 776 32

Making a total of $4,394 67

Of the above sum the Trustees have paid in orders of the R. W. G. Master, for the use of Committees of Charity the sum of.....	$2,000 00	
Tax on investments of sixty five hundred dollars, $6500	39 00	
		$2,039 00
Leaving a balance of.....		$2,355 67

in bank to the credit of the Bequest.

The above balance in bank consists in part of principal, to wit: the State fives paid off as above and which the Trustees will promptly reinvest.

There has been no other change in the securities or investments since the date of the last report of the Trustees, except the payment of the certificate of State fives as above stated.

The funds of the Trust are invested in the following securities, viz.:

254 shares Masonic Loans.

One certificate of U. S. stock for.....		$3,000
One do.	Spring Garden Loan for.....	2,500
One do.	Kensington W. W. for	4,000

The Trustees have passed a resolution to take in the loan of $110,000, proposed to be created for the purpose of paying off the old debt and building a new Masonic Hall, an amount equal to what they now hold in the old Masonic Loan to which they ask the approval of the R. W. G. Lodge.

In view of the productive character of the investments the Trustees are of opinion that the R. W. G. Lodge can safely appropriate a sum of two thousand dollars to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1st, 1854.

The Trustees therefore submit the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to be drawn for in the usual manner.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest are requested to invest in the new Loan of $110,000, an amount of

the trust fund equal to what they now hold in the old Masonic Loans.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
PETER WILLIAMSON,
JACOB STEINER,
Trustees Girard Bequest.

PHIL., June 3d, 1853.

The following communication was read and on motion was ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

PHILADA., May 4th, 1853.

Keystone Lodge, No. 271, A. Y. M.

At a Stated Meeting of the Lodge held this day the following resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, that the thanks of Keystone Lodge, No. 271, be tendered to the Grand Lodge of Penna., for the prompt and kind manner in which it granted the Charter and for the obliging and fraternal spirit manifested by its officers in the institution of this Lodge.

Attest:
JACOB C. SLEMMER,
Sec., pro tem.

[L. S.]

The following communication was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to reply:

Royal Glouster Lodge, No. 152,
Southampton, England.

To the W. the Lodge of Free Masons in Pennsylvania, U. S.,

W. & DEAR SIRS AND BRETHREN,—We avail ourselves of the intended visit to his native country of our estimable Brother Joseph Rodney Croskey, the much respected and excellent representative of the U. S. at this port, to convey through him our greetings of fraternal good will to the Freemasons of the U. S. of America.

It is always most gratifying to us to be visited by those Brethren of the Craft from other countries who may make this

place the port of their arrival or departure, but none will meet a more hearty welcome or more cordial reception than our Brethren of America.

We feel a deep interest in the progress and have an ardent wish for the success of the Craft in the extensive regions of your vast country believing as we firmly do that no human institution is better calculated to promote universal good will than those grand principles of Brotherly Love Relief and Truth, upon which Freemasonry is founded.

Brethren we hope that the communications thus commenced will not be few nor far between that we shall hear of and from you, that your members when occasion shall bring them to England, will visit Southampton and our Lodges so that a better knowledge of each other may arise, tending not only to strengthen the bands of Masonic affection between the members of the Craft, but also to promote a cordial understanding and regard between the respective populations of our native countries.

We commend to your consideration Brother Joseph Rodney Croskey, whom we are proud to rank among our members, as a faithful Brother worthy of your highest esteem, as an active and useful citizen and an honour to that great country of which he is the worthy representative at this port.

With every assurance of our most fraternal regard we are W. Master and Brethren

Most faithfully Yours on behalf of the Royal Gloucester Lodge,

DAVID G. DOUGLAS,
W. M.

THOS. NORCROSS FIRMAN,
P. M. and Secy.

Dated at Southampton, this 14th of Feb., 1853.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws report, that they have examined the various By-laws referred to them and would recommend

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 43 be approved.

That the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 121 be approved.

That the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 134 be approved.

That in the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 the words "except in the election of officers" be inserted in the VIII. Article after the words "In all cases" and that said By-laws be then approved.

That in Article VII. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 152 the words "and pay the further sum of five dollars on his taking the 2nd degree and the further sum of five dollars on his being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason" and the words "at the time of his initiation" and all after the words "refunded to him" be stricken out and in place thereof the following be substituted. "The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in *all* cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows:

For conferring the three degrees by dispensation $20.00, for conferring the first degree and Membership $20, for conferring the Second degree and Membership $10.00, for conferring the Third degree and Membership on one who has received the first and second in some other Lodge $5.00, for conferring Membership on a Master Mason $1.00." That in Art. IX. of said By-laws all after the words "he last belonged to" be stricken out and the words "or show some satisfactory reason why he is unable to do so, when like proceeding shall be had as set forth in the preceding Art. be substituted." That in Art. XV. all after the words "on payment of two dollars" be stricken out and that said By-laws be then approved.

That in the Art. IV. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 265 the words "except in elections of Officers" be inserted, after the words "before the Lodge." That the 2d Section of Art. IX. be stricken out. That Sec. 1 of Art. XII. be stricken out and the following substituted: "Visitors unknown to the Master may be admitted on motion regularly made, seconded and adopted upon the voucher of some Brother either a member or visitor or after examination visitors known to the Master may at all time be admitted by him without motion." That Sect. 1 of Art. XVI. be stricken out. That all after the words "for that night" be stricken out of the 7th rule of order to which rule be added the following 12th. "The above Rules of Order may

be dispensed with by the presiding officer" and that said By-laws be then approved.

That in Sec. II. of the By-laws of No. 271 all after the words "from 7 to 10 o'clock, P. M. be stricken out." That to Sect. III. be added, "but this order may be dispensed with by the presiding officer." That Sec. V. be stricken out. That in Sec. III. the words "or against whose character a charge may stand" be stricken out. That in Sec. VII. of Art. V. the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the word a "majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That all after the word "occurrences" in Sect. 2d Art. II. in By-laws of Lodge No. 266 be stricken out and the word "such" be inserted. That the 1st and 2nd Sections of Art. VII. be stricken out and the following substituted. Sect. 1. The fees for conferring the Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance. (See By-laws of No. 2.) Sec. 2d. When any applicant be rejected any fee or sum of money which he may have sent in with his petition shall be returned to him. That in Article XV. the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the words "a majority" be substituted. And that the said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on By-laws,

J. Page,
William H. Adams, and
R. Frazer.

An application was read from Bros. James L. Gillas, D. S. Deering Evans, R. Brady and others for a new Lodge at Brookville, Jefferson County, Pa. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund have the power so to alter the monthly night of meeting, as to suit the convenience of the members composing said body.

Bro. John K. Mitchell arose and made a short address in relation to laying the corner stone of the new hall in Chestnut Street and to test the sense of the Grand Lodge upon the subject moved, which was duly seconded, that when the corner stone of the new hall is laid, that this Grand Lodge proceed

to perform said duty by a procession. The Grand Master stated the question. When Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following amendment to act: *Resolved,* that all after the word resolved in preceding resolution be stricken out and the following inserted, viz.: That we deem it expedient to have a procession. The amendment being seconded the question was put and carried.

The question was then put upon the original resolution as amended and also carried.

A communication was read from the Trustees of the Charity Fund also from a Committee of Hiram Lodge, No. 81, in relation to lot of ground in Germantown, held by said Trustees in trust, for the benefit of said Fund. When on motion duly made and seconded, both communications were referred to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge.

The following communication from the Hall Committee was read and the suggestion contained therein approved, viz.:

Resolved, that the Hall Committee do suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of recommending to the different Lodges, meeting in this hall, to suspend their labors during the month of August for the purpose of having the hall completely cleansed and renovated as there is not sufficient time now on account of the frequent meetings to have the same done.

HARMAN BAUGH.
WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER.
ROBERT MCCULLOCH.

MAY 21st, 1853.

The R. W. G. Secretary read the following, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports that he has carefully examined the records of the Grand Lodge from the 27th of December, 1824, to the last communication held April 18th, 1853, a period of twenty-nine years lacking a few months.

He has made this search in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge passed Dec. 27th, 1852, and submits the following rules, regulations, decisions and various other matters that have occurred since the adoption of the Ahiman Rezon. The various resolutions, &c., thus collected he thinks are of

such importance as to warrant the Grand Lodge to order them printed and distributed for the information of the Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., May 28th, 1853.

On motion of H. M. Phillips the consideration of the report was postponed until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Little appointed by Committee of Brethren in Virginia to make collections for the erection of a monument to Washington in said State made a statement in relation to the same, when on motion the subject was referred to the Grand Officers.

Printed communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz.: From Maine, Vermont, Maryland, District of Columbia, Michigan, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Grand Orient of France, also a list of the names of the G. Officers of the G. L. of Texas, New Jersey and California.

On motion a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

A communication was read from —— —— asking to be restored to good standing. He belonged to Lodge No. 50 formerly held in West Chester. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past ten o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1853, A. L. 5853.

Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, Penna.

For the purpose of constituting Page Lodge, No. 270, which ceremony was performed by the R. W. G. Master assisted by the Grand Officers on the afternoon of said day.

There were present on the occasion Grand Officers as follows, viz.:

Bro. Anthony Bournonville, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" George D. Haswell, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, R. W. D. G. Sec.
" Edward T. Mott, S. Deacon.
" James Simpson, J. Deacon.
" Samuel D. Patterson, } G. Stewards.
" Frank Blackburne, }
" J. W. Martien, G. Marshal.
" Chas. B. Reese, G. Pursuivant.

P. G. Master James Page, Alfred P. Hesser, Robert McCulloch, members of the Grand Lodge. Bros. William Cunnington, Beck and Goodall conducted the music.

Everything passed off in great harmony and the Lodge promises to be one of the most prosperous in the State.

The Brethren returned home the next day, highly delighted with their visit.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, June 16th, 1853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication, held in the hall South 3rd Street.

Present:

Bro. Anthony Bournonville, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" Mathew Cartwright, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" James Simpson, S. G. D.
" J. W. Martien, J. G. D.

Bro. James B. Baggs, G. M.
" William Leach, G. S. Bearer.
" Charles B. Reese and James Kelly, G. Stewards.
" Wm. Curtis, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page, P. G. Master.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Blackburne, Weight, Oat.
"	3,	"	English.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Leach, Brothers.
"	19,	"	Nichols, Cooper.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Baggs, Thomson.
"	52,	"	Pearson, Ferguson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Jayne, Neeson, Macpherson.
"	67,	"	Baugh, Simpson, Reese, Martien.
"	71,	"	Frishmuth, Bladen.
"	72,	"	Williams, Thompson, McCord.
"	91,	"	Perkins, Casey.
"	114,	"	Clark.
"	115,	"	Heylin, Heimburger.
"	121,	"	See.
"	125,	"	Steiner, Bournonville, Osner.
"	126,	"	Page.
"	130,	"	Lescure, Strickland.
"	131,	"	Matlack.
"	134,	"	Klapp, Williamson.
"	155,	"	Martin, Curtis.
"	186,	"	Smith, Little, Gaskill.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Peall.
"	245,	"	Carr.
"	246,	"	Small.

Proxies: 21, 138, 143, 148, 153, 156, 163, 199, 218, 226, 234, 240, 259, 260, 267.

Twenty-seven Lodges by members, fifteen Lodges by proxy, making in all thirty-five Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at quarter to eight o'clock P. M.

The R. W. G. Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge by request of P. G. Master Bro. B. Newcomb, Chair-

man of the Trustees, in whom is vested the title to lot of ground in Chestnut Street and that Bro. B. Newcomb had furnished a resolution on which he requested the action of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then read the following:

The Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging having resolved to cause their Masonic Hall on the lot of ground in Chestnut St. to be taken down and a new Masonic Hall to be erected thereon and having determined to obtain on loan the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dolls. to enable them to carry their resolution and determination into effect.

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that George M. Dallas, B. Newcomb, Josiah Randall, James Harper, Samuel Badger and John Steel, Trustees, in whom the legal title to the said lot of ground in Chestnut St. is vested be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a mortgage, or an instrument of writing in nature of a mortgage, unto Anthony Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Peter Williamson, John K. Mitchell, John Thomson, William H. Adams, Jacob Steiner, David Jayne, Thomas E. Baxter, Philip R. Howard and William Badger, Trustees of the New Masonic Loans, in behalf of the subscribers to the same, pledging the said lot of ground in Chestnut Street with the appurtenances in the most legal and effectual manner for the payment of the aforesaid one hundred and ten thousand dollars and interest on or before the expiration of ten years from the first day of July next.

The question on the adoption of the foregoing preamble and resolution was put and unanimously agreed to.

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 8 o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

JUNE 21st, 1853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication, held at Morgan's Corner, Del. Co., Pa.

PRESENT:

Bros. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, John K. Mitchell, John Thomson, William H. Adams, C. B. Reese, Thomas E. Baxter, John W. McGrath, J. W. Martien.

The R. W. G. Master proceeded and opened, Constituted and Installed the following officers of the new Lodge No. 273 and set the Brethren to work.

Elisha Worrel, W. M.; J. H. Levering, Sr. W.; Edward J. Lowman, Jr. W.

The Lodge with attention will no doubt become prosperous.

The Brethren returned to the city at about 2 o'clock in the morning.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Sec'ty G. L. of Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5th, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, Hall South 3d Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" J. W. Martien, D. G. Sec.
" E. T. Mott, S. G. D.
" James Simpson, J. G. D., p. t.
" James B. Baggs, G. Marshal.
" William Cave, G. Sword Bearer.
" Charles B. Reese, G. Steward.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" William Whitney and James Page, R. W. P. G. M.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Mosely, Blackburne.
"	3,	"	Thomson, Padmore, Meteer.
"	9,	"	Leach.
"	19,	"	Bradley, Nichols, Cooper, Haswell, Thomas.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Evans, Baggs, Whitney, O'Neil.
"	52,	"	Ferguson, Fitch, Smith, Pearson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Jayne.
"	67,	"	Simpson, Jas. Hutchinson, Jos. Hutchinson, Martien, Reese, Squibb, Baugh, Jones.
"	71,	"	Bladen, Hutchinson, Frishmuth.
"	72,	"	Thompson, H. M. & J. A. Phillips, Chase.
"	81,	"	Fulton.
"	91,	"	Badger, Casey.
"	114,	"	Thomson, Baxter.
"	115,	"	Heimburger, Phillips, Heylin.
"	121,	"	Mott, See, Smith, Mitchell.
"	125,	"	Bournonville.
"	126,	"	Hesser, Page.
"	130,	"	Young, Riley, Strickland.
"	131,	"	Moore.
"	134,	"	Roney, Williamson.
"	158,	"	Oliver.
"	186,	"	Smith, Farrell, McIntyre.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Bennett, Dorlan.
"	221,	"	Valze.
"	245,	"	Carr.
"	271,	"	Meyer.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 106, 138, 143, 148, 153, 156, 163, 199, 218, 220, 221, 226, 239, 241, 253, 254, 259, 267.

Forty-seven Lodges represented; twenty-seven by members, twenty by proxy.

The Minutes of Quarterly Communication held June 6th, 1853, were read and approved.

The Minutes of Special Communication held June 16th, 1853, were read and approved.

An application signed by a number of Brethren was read asking for a new Lodge, to be held in West Philadelphia.

Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application for a new Lodge to be held at St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa. Which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application for a new Lodge to be held at Catasauqua, Lehigh County, Pa., was read. Which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application for a new Lodge to be held at Bethlehem, Northampton Coy., Pa., was also read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application for a new Lodge to be held at Altoona, Blair County, Pa., was also read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A similar application for a new Lodge to be held at Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pa., was also read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from ——— complaining of the action of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, and asking the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter, &c.

A somewhat similar complaint being filed against said Lodge by Bro. ——— both communications were on motion referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. John Thomson, Townsend Smith and Anthony E. Stocker said Committee.

A communication was read from Bro. ——— ——— ——— complaining of the action of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, and asking the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter. On motion the subject was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Joseph S. Riley, James W. Martien and Leon Hyneman said Committee.

A communication was read from Bro. ——— ——— ——— and Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, requesting that the said Brother be restored to all the rights and privileges of the Order. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petition was granted.

A communication was read from Bro. ——— ——— accompanied by several letters petitioning the Grand Lodge to restore him to standing in the Order. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— —— protesting from the vote of expulsion in Lodge No. 45 and requesting the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter. On motion duly made and seconded, the subject was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. James S. Hoon, Alexander Tindle and Charles Schaler, said Committee.

The following communication was read, viz.:

Stated Meeting of Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, Thursday evening, July 14th, 1853, A. L. 5853, at the above meeting the following resolution was passed, to wit:

Resolved, that the Secretary do communicate to the R. W. G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge, that one —— —— whose petition for Initiation and Membership was rejected in the Lodge, presented himself at our last stated meeting for admission claiming to be a M. M. and offering a certificate from a Lodge in New York City to that effect and that he was refused admission and that the Grand Lodge be requested to take such action in the case as in their judgement may be deemed expedient.

Extract from the Minutes.

JAMES R. KEEN,
Sec'ty, H. L. No. 218.

To Wm. H. Adams, Grand Sec'ty.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, viz.: WHEREAS, —— —— was rejected by Lodge No. 218 in this State, he afterwards went to the City of New York and was Entered, Passed and Raised, AND WHEREAS, such impositions and practices deserve censure and punishment. It is hereby ordered by the Grand Lodge of Penna. that the said —— —— be debarred from visiting or becoming a member of any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 254 stating the expulsion of Bro. —— —— for unmasonic conduct.

The following was read and referred to a special Committee of Three, to wit:

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pa.

We charge Bro. —— —— of Lodge No. 221, of the City of Pittsburg, guilty of gross unmasonic conduct, detrimental

to the prosperity of the Craft and the Lodge in particular and pray you take such action as the case may require.

Signed, ALBERT CULBERTSON,
WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. Samuel McKinley, Charles Shaler and Alex. Tindle said Committee.

A communication from Lodge No. 121, reinstating Bro. —— —— —— was read and approved by the Grand Lodge.

The following communication was read and on motion was approved and directed to be entered upon the Minutes, viz.: Meeting of the Trustees of the New Masonic Loan, held in the Hall South 3rd Street.

PHILADA., Sept. 1st, 5853.

The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, several of the Lodges who have signified their intention to subscribe to the New Masonic Loan have not, as yet, complied with their engagement, therefore *resolved*, that notice be given at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge to the different Lodges, that the Trustees are now prepared to receive their subscriptions to said loan, and that after the first day of October next subscriptions will be received from other than the Lodges and Trusts.

Extract from the Minutes.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Sec. Board of Trustees.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

An alteration to the By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 121, was asked for and approved.

An alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 238 was asked for and was also granted.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 247 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The R. W. G. Master made the following statement which was on motion ordered to be entered upon the Minutes, to wit:

BRETHREN:—On the 7th of June last accompanied by the Grand Officers and a number of the Brethren I proceeded to

Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and opened Lodge No. 270 at that place and Installed the officers.

Also on the 17th of June accompanied as before I proceded to Morgan's Corner and Constituted the new Lodge in that place, Installed the officers and set the Craft to work.

In both instances every thing passed off in great harmony.

The applications for new Warrants applied for at Carmichaelstown, Green Co., Clarion, Clarion Co., Johnstown, Cambria Co., Canton, Bradford Co., Brookville, Jefferson Co., have been granted and are now being prepared.

Those applied for at Susquehanna, Latrobe, Tioga and Lancaster County are still under advisement.

The following report was read and approved, viz.:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned to whom was referred the application of Bro. —— —— formerly of the Lodge No. 50 held at West Chester, Pa., for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

Respectfully report, that the matter has been carefully attended to and offer the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by all of the Grand Officers.

The following report was also read and approved and the subject of Grand Lecturer was postponed until the next Quarterly Grand Communication.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Brethren,—The undersigned to whom was referred the subject of a Grand Lecturer being appointed respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the subject referred to them and after an interchange of opinion the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that in the opinion of the Committee a Grand Lecturer should be immediately appointed, whose compensation shall be —— and the Grand Lodge is recommended to make appropriation for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Grand Officers.

Phil., Sept. 5th, 1853.

The following report was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Committee appointed by your Honorable Body to take into consideration and investigate the matter contained in the petition of —— ——,

Respectfully report, that after due notice given to Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, and also the said —— ——, the Committee met at the Hall South 3d Street on Tuesday evening, May 17th and also by adjournment on Friday evening, July 8th of which due notice was given to the parties interested, at which meetings the said —— —— attended but no person appearing at either of said meetings to make any charge against said —— ——, your Committee therefore are of the opinion that either a mistake has occurred in the ballot, or that there does not exist any just cause to exclude said —— —— from becoming a member of the Order.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, viz.: *Resolved*, that Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, be permitted to take another ballot in the case of Mr. —— —— at their regular meeting, provided all the members are notified to that effect.

Signed, JAMES SIMPSON,
JOHN MCINTYRE,
Committee.

PHIL., Sept. 5th, 1853.

The following report was read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Building Committee of the New Masonic Hall respectfully report,

That soon as the circumstances attending the negotiation of the new loan would permit and they could proceed in the discharge of their duties, without impairing the security proposed to be given therefor, they invited proposals for building the new hall, on the principle of separate contract for each branch of the work, under the direction of the architect and entered into the following with

Samuel Sloan, as architect.
Joseph Hutchinson, as superintendent.
Pickens and Co., for tearing down and excavating.
Jacob S. Price, for carpenter's work.
Moore and Webster, for brick work.
S. K. Hoxsie, for the granite.
School and Forest, for the brown stone front.
John Walker, for the stone work.
Stratton and Brother, for the gas fitting, &c.
Charles G. Willing, for the plumber's work.

All of which have been reduced to writing and executed by the parties, with proper guards and sureties, and at such rates of compensation as will bring the cost of the erection, of the proposed hall, within the limit fixed by the Grand Lodge.

The contracts for the remaining branches of the work are now in progress of consummation.

The tearing down and removal of the old hall has consumed more time than was anticipated, owing to its firm construction and the masses of brick and lumber found in it, the brick alone being nearly one million. Nevertheless even with this and the oppressively hot weather to excuse the contractors, the delay has been greater than the Committee could approve of and they notified the contractors that if they did not proceed with greater expedition, the Committee would avail themselves of a clause in the contract to that effect and employ additional hands at their cost.

The Committee in the further discharge of their duties have ordered a suitable Corner Stone and are preparing the proper deposits to be made therein, which Corner Stone is to be laid at such time and manner, and with such ceremonies as the R. W. G. Master may be pleased to order and direct.

The Committee hope that this event may be realized in this month and that the formalities may be completed before the cold weather sets in, so that the superstructure may be started early in the Spring and the hall finished by St. John's Day of December, 1854.

All of which is respectfully submitted, etc.

JAMES PAGE,
Chairman.

SEPT. 5th, 1853.

The following report was read and the resolutions appended thereto. The consideration of which were postponed until the next Quarterly Communication, to wit:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to enquire the manner of keeping the accounts of the Grand Lodge and collecting the revenue and report whether any and what improvement can be had therein; also to ascertain what changes have been made in the Ahiman Rezon, with a view to a publication of all amendments for the use of and information of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Report, that they met at the rooms of the R. W. Grand Secretary and were attended from time to time by that officer, as well as the R. W. Grand Treasurer, who submitted their books to the inspection of the Committee and gave such information as was desired.

From these and other sources the Committee derive the knowledge that the revenues of the Grand Lodge are made up from the dues of the subordinate Lodges, the rents from the two Halls, sale of Ahiman Rezons and the monies paid for New Warrants, Dispensations and Grand Lodge Certificates.

The books kept by the Grand Treasurer are a bank and check-book in his name, as such daily cash-book and a book containing separate accounts as to the Sinking Fund, interest on Loans, current and quarterly expenses of Grand Lodge, &c.

The books kept by the Grand Secretary, besides the Minute Books, are a memorandum book containing the accounts of each Lodge, nothing else, a journal and a ledger. No cash or bank book of any kind.

The accounts against the subordinate Lodges for dues, &c., are made out by the Grand Secretary, as soon as may be after their annual returns are in, being based upon such returns and sent to the different Lodges and he furnishes the Grand Treasurer with a statement of the account due by the Lodges of the city and County, but all the Country Lodges, with perhaps now and then an exception, remit or pay their balances to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Treasurer receives the rents directly.

The Grand Secretary receives all the monies for New Warrants, Dispensations and Grand Lodge Certificates and pays the amount, as also the sums received from Country Lodges, over to the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer deposits all monies received by him in bank as received and pays only by checks on a warrant approved by the Grand Master, or proper Committee.

These are the books kept for Grand Lodge purposes by these officers and thus the mode of collecting and distributing the money of the Grand Lodge.

The 12th Article of the Ahiman Rezon, page 144, pointing out the duties of the Grand Treasurer requires that he shall give bond and surety for the monies coming into his hands and keep a bank account and the concluding sentence of the 13th Section, page 143, requires that the Grand Secretary shall deposite all monies received by him in bank.

By a resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted in 1839, it is provided "That

the Lodge dues and other revenues of the Grand Lodge shall be paid directly to the Grand Treasurer who shall keep duplicate receipts of all monies received by him as Treasurer, which duplicate receipts shall be attested by the person or persons paying the same, or when other dues shall be received by mail, the letter enclosing the same shall be the voucher for such receipt and that all appropriations shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, under the usual restriction, in every case by a check on the bank in which the Treasurer's account is kept, drawn to the order of the person or persons, or his or her legal attorney or attorneys, to whom the appropriations are payable and that all money, now in the hands of others than the Grand Treasurer, shall be paid to him as Treasurer and receipted for as aforesaid.

It is obvious therefore that the requirements of the Grand Lodge are not now, nor have they been for a long time, complied with. The safeguards thrown around the funds of the Grand Lodge, which reach the Grand Treasurer, are worthless, as far as regards a large portion of the revenue which is not paid to him, but is received in the first place by the Grand Secretary.

It is said however that this practice has been of long standing with most of the Grand Secretaries and that it is impossible to avoid this state of things, as the Country Lodges cannot be broken of the habit of remitting them. If this be so then in the opinion of your Committee the above resolution ought at once to be repealed and some new and better method or plan adopted. The practice is at war with the decree of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Secretary receives the money because it is thus sent to him, not considering himself bound to do so. Keeps no regular day or cash book or bank account thereof, but merely a private book for his own information, hands the money over to the Grand Treasurer, generally in goods with a paper, in which he directs him how to separate and credit in account the several Lodges, &c.

If the Grand Secretary must receive this money then in the opinion of your Committee, he should be directed to keep a regular day book and cash account.

The monies realized for New Warrants, Dispensations, Grand Lodge Certificates and sale of the Ahiman Rezon, are all received by the Grand Secretary and paid over by him quarterly to the Grand Treasurer. There is no day book or cash account kept of these, nor can it be ascertained what sums are received from these sources, in any other way than by referring to the record of each Warrant, Dispensation and Certificate as it is entered by the Grand Secretary. The only check here would be by searching for the recommendations. Supposing them all in such a mass of papers to be correctly and safely kept and compare them with the list or record, a labor that no one would willingly undertake, and is almost impracticable and which could and should be avoided by keeping a proper day book and cash account.

Believing the system as it now exists to be defective, the Committee offer for the adoption of the Grand Lodge so far as this branch of their duty is concerned the following:

Resolved, That whenever any money is paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary by any subordinate Lodge, for dues or for New Warrants, he shall enter the same under proper dates in a regular day book, to be kept for that purpose and that he shall keep a regular cash account of all such receipts and

the payments made by him to the Grand Treasurer, which payments shall be made within two days after the day of receipt of such monies.

Resolved, That all Grand Lodge Certificates and Dispensations shall be placed in blank in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and that he shall upon the order of the Grand Master deliver such number thereof as may be required by the Grand Secretary to him from time to time, taking his receipt therefor and charging him therewith and that the Grand Secretary shall account to the said Grand Treasurer monthly for the proceeds thereof.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer ascertain the number of the Ahiman Rezon on hand and that he shall also charge the Grand Secretary in account with the same and credit him with whatever sums may be paid for the sale thereof. That so much of any resolutions of the Grand Lodge heretofore passed, as conflicts with these resolutions, be and the same is hereby repealed.

In relation to the second branch of the enquiry, they were directed to make, as to what changes had been made in the Ahiman Rezon with a view to their publication the Committee further report,

That they availed themselves mainly, if not entirely, of an abstract made by the Grand Secretary of those changes, so far as he had ascertained them, by an examination of the Minute Book, made by him under a previous resolution of the Grand Lodge, commencing in 1825 and ending with the date of his report.

The labor of examining and reading over the Minutes of the Grand Lodge for so long a period as 28 Years, required more time than it was possible for the Committee to give, either jointly or separately, and it is in truth a necessity that never should be permitted to occur and might with very little labor on the part of the proper officers have been avoided had they, as is generally done in all other institutions, kept a Book of the Constitutions with blank leaves interspersed and noted thereon from time to time, the amendments and alterations as they occurred. These are now scattered over six immense volumes, each containing on the average five hundred pages of closely written matter and can only be got at accurately by a careful perusal of every line and page, a task that would require more time than could reasonably be asked at the hands of any member of the Committee. If it is not, it should be the imperative duty of the Grand Secretary to keep up these amendments, so that along with the Constitution they can at any moment be readily referred to by the Grand Lodge.

As it is, the labor of comparing the proceedings as reported by the Grand Secretary, with the Ahiman Rezon and placing each amendment to its proper place in connexion therewith, has been no slight matter and the Committee submit them with the remark, that there do not appear to have been any changes of a grave character; altho', by resolution, the Grand Lodge has in many instances indirectly established principles, and regulated the practice in certain cases, which should be carefully revised and published for the good of the Order.

June 5th, 1826. Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penna., to be found on page 135 of the Ahiman Rezon, was so amended by resolution as to reduce the price of the G. L. Certificates from $4 to $2.00.

June 1st, 1829. A new article was adopted, That no Lodge in the Country under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, should have a Masonic procession without first obtaining the consent of the Depy. G. M. of the District.

Nov. 7th, 1831. The Hall Com. provided by the 2nd Sec. of the Rules and Regulations, page 132, abolished and a superintendant authorized to be appointed by the G. M., which was repealed by a resolution of the 7th of Feby., 1837, and a Hall Committee provided for and its powers defined which to some extent repeals 26th Sec., p. 149.

June 3d, 1839. Resolution directing all monies to be paid to the Grand Treasurer direct, repealing so much of the 13th Section of R. and R., p. 141, as authorized the receipt thereof by the Grand Secretary.

October 16th, 1843. A resolution directing all subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction to transact all their business, except the conferring of the subordinate degrees, lecturing thereon and elections for Officers, in a Lodge of M. Masons. This may be considered a new Regulation to be added to Sec. 28 A. R., p. 154.

June 3d, 1844. The rules for the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, the establishment of this body was the creation of a new and permanent Standing Committee, as such the resolutions creating it become a part of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and is an amendment to that extent of the 2nd Sec. R. and R., p. 132.

April 7th, 1845. Committee on Land Marks created, a further amendment of same section.

June 1st, 1846. The extent of a district regulated to consist of not less than five Lodges.

March 1, 1852. Repealing the last clause under the head of visitors, p. 163.

June 7th, 1852. Regulations as to Regalia which should be incorporated in the Rules.

In connexion with this branch of the subject as there is nothing to prevent sudden and not well considered changes of the Rules and Regulations, the Committee recommend for adoption the following additional Section to be number 29.

No amendment or alterations of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge shall be made, unless proposed in writing at one stated Grand Quarterly Communication and acted upon at the next or some subsequent stated G. Q. C., nor then unless previous notice has been given to the subordinate Lodges of such proposed amendment and the same shall be approved by the Grand Lodge by a majority of the Members present.

And also the following as an additional sentence to Section 13, page 141, Title Grand Secretary.

He shall cause the Rules and Regulations to be carefully copied and bound up in a book with a sufficient number of blank leaves on which he shall enter in their proper places and under their proper heads all the amendments or alterations already made therein or which shall hereafter be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE,
B. M. DUSENBERRY,
JOHN A. CASEY,
Committee.

PHILA., Sept. 1, 1853.

The following reports were received, read and ordered to be filed, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending March 31st, 1853.

RECEIPTS.

For Lodge dues, rents, &c.	$5,887 75	
" Chestnut St. Hall	1,733 07	
" Third Street Hall	112 50	
" New Warrants	391 00	
" Dispensations, &c.	475 00	
		$8,599 32

PAYMENTS.

Interest on loans	$1,136 03	
Expenses on Third and Chestnut St. Hall.	86 94	
C. E. Blumenthal, visiting Lodges	150 00	
Gas bill	81 89	
Printing Grand Master's address	145 00	
Plans for new Hall	300 00	
Salary, G. Treas., G. Sec., G. Tyler	406 00	
		2,305 86
Amount of receipts exceeding payments		$6,293 46
Bal. on hand Dec. 31st, 1852		$3,182 52
Do. " " Mar. 31st, 1853		$9,475 99

DANIEL THOMPSON, JOSEPH S. RILEY,
WILLIAM W. THOMSON, GEORGE SMITH,
GEORGE H. OLIVER,

Com. of Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and

on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending June 30th, 1853.

RECEIPTS.

From the Chestnut St. Hall	$234 85	
" " Third St. Hall	37 50	
" Lodge dues and rents	3,946 75	
" New Warrants	405 00	
" Dispensations, &c., &c.	414 50	
		$5,038 60

PAYMENTS.

Kid's mortgage pd. off	$6,667 16	
Interest on do.	191 11	
Printing	52 37	
Exp. on Chest. St. Hall	90 83	
Constituting Lodges No. 270 and 273	125 08	
Gas bill	87 12	
Salaries, G. T., G. S., and G. Tyler	412 00	
Incidental	70 12	
		7,695 79
Amt. of payments exceeding receipts		$2,657 19
Bal. in hands of Treasr. Mar. 31st, 1853		$9,475 99
Bal. in hands of do. June 30th, 1853		$6,818 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL THOMPSON. GEORGE SMITH.
WILLIAM W. THOMSON. JOSEPH S. RILEY.
GEORGE H. OLIVER.

Committee.

On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the accounting officers of the Grand Lodge place in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of Finance, within ten days after the close of the quarter their account to be audited.

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Committee of Finance

call his Committee together within twenty days after the close of the quarter, to audit the account of the accounting officers of the Grand Lodge, referred to said Committee.

A communication was read from Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, asking for a remission of a part of their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the matter was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was received from a number of Brethren in relation to the rejection of Mr. —— —— —— in Pittston Lodge, No. 233, and asking the Grand Lodge to investigate the subject. On motion the matter was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. G. M. was pleased to appoint Bros. Skerrett, Butler and —— —— on said Committee.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— —— charging the —— —— of Pittston Lodge, No. 233, Bro. —— —— with unmasonic conduct and requesting the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter. On motion duly made and seconded, the subject was referred to a special Committee of Three and the R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Skerrett, Butler and —— —— said Committee.

The Grand Secretary stated that Bro. William W. Carr of Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, had handed to him the Warrant of the late Lodge No. 195, formerly held at Warminster, Bucks County, Penna. On motion the G. Secretary was directed to have the same filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The following communication was read, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Brethren,—I beg leave to offer for your acceptance a good four stop mahogany parlor organ to be placed in the Grand Chapter room for the use of the Chapters and Mark Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

David Jayne.

Phila., Sept. 5th, 1853.

On motion Bro. Jayne's gift was accepted and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered for the handsome present. The Hall Committee were directed to have it placed in a proper place in the Grand Chapter Room.

Bro. William English offered preamble and resolutions in

relation to a monument about to be erected in Virginia to Bro. George Washington.

As the matter had already been referred to the Committee of Grand Officers, it was resolved that they also be referred to same Committee.

A number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 5th, 1853, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" George P. Little, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. D.
" Edward T. Mott, J. G. D.
" James Baggs, G. M.
" Jacob Steiner, G. S. B.
" Charles B. Reese, G. Steward.
" Henry Bruner, do.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" Samuel Badger, James Page, William Barger, Josiah Randall, C. Stevenson, S. H. Perkins and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Graham, Weight, Blackburne, Gumple, Moseley, Burden.
" 3, " Taylor, Robinson, Padmore, Thomson, Bilger, English, Ovenshine, Martin, Metier, Skerrett, King, Ashton, Webb, Colladay.
" 9, " Crow, Atkinson, Thorp, Brothers, Kelly, Leach.

No. 19, Bros. Childs, Murphy, Hodges, Thornley, Nichols, Patton, Cooper, Haswell, Wilson, Park, Thomas, Bradley, Reynolds, Hines, Patten.
" 25, " Martin, Downing, Kinsey, Richea, Scott, Dorrance, Keim, Benezet, Dungan.
" 43, " Keller.
" 45, " McKinley, Adair.
" 51, " Baggs, Thomson, Fisher, Evans, O'Neil, Bouvier, Howard, Workman, Howell.
" 52, " James, Simons, Ferguson, Peirson, Yeager, Smith, Wilson.
" 59, " Kneass, McMullin, Davenport, Campbell, Adams, Macpherson, Jayne.
" 67, " Martien, Laudenslager, Baugh, Smith, Jos. and Jas. Hutchinson, Field, Simpson, Dunn, Miller, Montgomery, Reese, Weeks, Wagner, Squibb, Deklyne.
" 71, " Hutchinson, Van Collem, Frishmuth, Golden, Bladen.
" 72, " Barger, Chase, McCord, Gibson, Fox, Colladay, Ashton, Ellis, Spering, Stevenson, Peacock, West, H. M. and J. A. Phillips, Thompson.
" 81, " Smith, Dickinson, Squire, Kulp, Snyder.
" 91, " Leidy, Perkins, Swain, Perkins, Sleeper, Badger, Barger, Manning, Hutchinson.
" 114, " Young, Krider, Sharp, Clark, Keim, Spackman, O. and Wm. Thomson, Bruner, Baxter.
" 115, " McCloud, Heylen, Wallace, Heimburger, Heyl, Fling, Shultz.
" 121, " Mitchell, Mott, Foering, See, Vaux, Peterson.
" 125, " Steiner, Osner, Bournonville, Ziegler, Remak.
" 126, " Brewster, Simpson, Page, Hesser, Hand, McCulloch, Whetham.
" 130, " McGrath, Riley, Lescure, Young, Clemens, Strickland, Logue, Brown, Gilbert, Piper, Easby.
" 131, " Airey, Miller, Harmer, Moore, Matlack, Lippein.
" 134, " Norris, Roney, King, Stocker, Williamson, Klapp, Mitchell.

No. 135, Bros. McCully, Ogelsby, Evans, Hyneman.
" 155, " Martin, Allen, Curtis, Watres, Helm, Bacon, Clinton, Laws, Allen, Housekeeper, Miller, Fritz.
" 158, " Ewing, Bumstead, Kugler, Oliver, Shields, Baird, Taylor, Ried.
" 186, " O'Farrell, Hufty, Stewart, Ziegler, Russell, White, Barrington, Fletcher, Lewis, Smith, Gaskill, Begley, Sickel.
" 187, " McCahen, Purvis, Loeser, Albertson, Simpson.
" 190, " Clinton, Fulforth, Zimmerman.
" 197, " Porter.
" 211, " Cartwright, Davidson, Page, Bennett.
" 222, " Gumpert, Robbins, Ward, C. N. Robbins.
" 224, " Donaldson.
" 227, " McDonald, Strickland, Low, Ancona, Stout.
" 230, " Taylor.
" 236, " McCay.
" 245, " Carr.
" 246, " Hyneman, Uhle, Small, Sager.
" 253, " Sargent, Roberts.
" 254, " Martin.
" 260, " Blumenthal, Bretz, Johnston, Syne.
" 267, " McCrosay, Barndt, Godfrey.
" 271, " Mayer, Brown.
" 273, " Lauman, Worrell, Levering.
" 274, " Rubicam, Horner, Goddard.

Proxies: Nos. 22, 60, 62, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 153, 156, 164, 194, 197, 218, 219, 220, 221, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 235, 239, 240, 242, 250, 254, 255, 259, 262.

Seventy-nine Lodges represented, forty-seven by Lodges and thirty-two by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6¼ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of September 5th, 1853, A. L. 5853, were read and approved.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 242 appointing Bro. John K. Hand their proxy which was on motion approved.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 222, at Minersville, appointing P. G. M. James Page, their proxy. Which was on motion approved.

A similar communication was received from Lodge No. 279 which was read and on motion approved and Bro. B. Newcomb, P. G. M., and P. M. Lodge No. 115 acknowledged their proxy.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master made the following statement, to wit:

Brethren,—I have the pleasure to announce to you that on the 21st of November I accompanied by the other elective, Past and appointed Grand Officers and the Building Committee proceeded to the ground, Chestnut Street, and laid the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Hall, which according to all accounts is the largest in the world. The ceremonies although marred to some extent by the inclemency of the weather were truly Masonic and of a very imposing character. A beautiful and highly appropriate ode by Bro. John K. Mitchell, music by Dr. William Cunnington added much to the solemnity of the occasion. It is but proper for me to say that at these Masonic ceremonies, as well as on other occasions, Bro. Cunnington has given to this Grand Lodge his valuable professional services and time in the true spirit of Masonry without any fee or reward of any kind. There have of course been some expenses incurred in procuring music, singers, &c., which I hope the Grand Lodge will order to be paid. *

I have finished my Grand Visitations to all the city Lodges and to some of the Lodges in the country at the most convenient distance and last week I, accompanied by the Grand Officers, was at Reading, where I found the Lodges prosperous and the same sterling spirit with which the Free Masons of Old Berks have always been animated.

I intend yet to pay a Grand Visitation to Bristol, being also at a convenient distance from the city. As I am on this subject I would observe to you that the Brethren of Bristol are building a new Masonic Hall and have purchased some few materials of the old hall on Chestnut Street.

I recommend to this Grand Lodge to present those materials as a gift to the Brethren of Bristol, who, altho' the gift is but small, will, I have no doubt receive it kindly and I hope a motion to that effect will prevail.

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* See Appendix B.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that a sum sufficient to defray the expenses attendant upon the ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone of the new Hall, Chestnut Street, be and the same are hereby appropriated for that purpose and that the R. W. G. Master is authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for payment of the same, for such accounts and in favor of such persons as may be necessary.

Resolved, that so much of the material of the old hall as has been selected by the Brethren of Bristol Lodge be and the same is hereby presented to them agreeably to the recommendation of the R. W. G. Master just made.

Copies of the By-laws of the following Lodges were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws, Nos. 130, 270, 274, 276 and 282.

Alterations to the following By-laws were also referred to the same Committee, viz.: Nos. 51 and 260.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge for the election of its officers the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Edward P. Lescure, Richard Vaux, J. A. Phillips and John Bradley, Tellers.

The Grand Lodge went into a ballot. When the following named Brethren were announced as duly elected, to wit:

Bro. James Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Master, Brother Anthony Bournonville having previously, in a feeling and appropriate manner, declined a re-election.

Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. Master.

Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. Warden.

At this period Bros. E. P. Lescure and J. Altamont Phillips declined acting as Tellers.

When the R. W. G. Master appointed in their place Bros. Harman Baugh and J. Williamson.

Bro. Henry M. Phillips was then duly elected Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. Grand Treasurer, in place of Bro. John Thomson who declined a re-election.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Anthony Bournonville, Peter Williamson, Jacob Steiner and George D. Haswell, Trustees of the Stephen Girard Bequest.

Bros. Philip R. Howard, William Badger, Jacob Steiner, David Jayne and William English, Trustees New Masonic Loan.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Henry M. Phillips (previous to going into the election) and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that nothing contained in the resolution of the Grand Lodge, respecting the issuing of certificates of the Masonic Loan, shall prevent the issuing of any certificate for a sum not exceeding ($500) five hundred dollars and not having any fractional part of fifty dollars at the option of the party subscribing.

Previous to going into the election for Trustees of the Girard Bequest the following communication was read from Past Grand Master, Bro. William Whitney.

To the R. W. G. M., Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Brethren,—Having been twice elected through your kindness to fill the important office as one of the Trustees of the "Girard Bequest," for which as well, as all the other honours which have heretofore been conferred upon me by the Grand Lodge, I beg leave to tender my acknowledgement and sincere thanks.

I am now about to leave this city for the purpose of taking up my permanent abode in another State.

I make this announcement to you, that the members of the Grand Lodge at their next annual election may be prepared to select some other Brother to fill the seat in that Board, which I am now about to vacate and whose duty it will be, in conjunction with the other members of the Board, to watch over and take care of the noble and liberal bequest of our late Brother Stephen Girard.

In bidding you an affectionate farewell be assured that although absent my heart will always be with you and that the Grand Lodge of Penna. may go on prospering and to prosper and that health, happiness and prosperity may attend each and

every one of you until summoned at last to appear in the Grand Lodge above is the heartfelt wish of your Brother in Masonry. I remain

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM WHITNEY.

The following report was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

Grand Lodge Rooms, South Third Street,

NOVR. 30th, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee to whom the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 186 was referred

Ask leave to report, that this case was referred to your Committee under the following circumstances, viz.: Bro. —— —— had been suspended for non-payment of dues and upon his application to be restored to his former good standing, he was obliged to submit to the ordeal of a ballot and upon examination the ballot was found to be foul and from this action of his Lodge Bro. —— made his appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee have heard the parties in interest. They find that since the subject has been referred, Bro. —— —— has paid to his Lodge the amount of dues charged against him at the time of his suspension. Your Committee, in the course of the investigation, having become fully satisfied that there is no charge of unmasonic conduct made or intended to be made against Bro. ——, they offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that Brother —— —— late member of Lodge No. 186 has permission to join any Lodge under this Jurisdiction and that any Lodge under the same be and they are hereby authorized to receive him as a Brother in good standing.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish Bro. —— —— with a certified copy of these proceedings.

Resolved, that your Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOSEPH S. RILEY,
JAMES W. MARTIEN,
LEON HYNEMAN,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19th, 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" George P. Little, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" James W. Martien, J. G. Deacon.
" James Kelly, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, G. Sword Bearer.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" Charles B. Reese, G. Steward.
" Ferdinand S. Osner, do.
" James Page and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Blackburne.
" 3, " Padmore, Ashton, English, Thomson, Bigler, Meetier.
" 9, " Atkinson, Kelly, Leach.
" 19, " Bishop, Bradley.
" 25, " Benezet.
" 51, " Thomson, Baggs, Howell, Evans.
" 52, " Simons, Smith, Wilson, Ferguson, Fitch.
" 59, " Adams, Sayre.
" 67, " Hutchinson, Martier, Smith, Baugh, Weeks, Reese, Squibb.
" 71, " Jones, Smith, Bladen, Frishmuth, Hutchinson.
" 72, " H. M. and J. A. Phillips, Ashton.
" 91, " Casey, Hinchman, Perkins, Mitchell.
" 114, " Clark, Thomson, Baxter, Krider, Steel, Young.
" 115, " Heimburger, Heylin, Wallace.
" 121, " See, Mitchell, Vaux, Peterson.
" 125, " Bournonville, Remak, Osner, Steiner, Scheide, Ziegler.

No. 126, Bros. Page, Hesser.
" 130, " Lescure, Riley, Strickland.
" 131, " Moore, Matlack.
" 134, " Stocker, Williamson.
" 155, " Fritz, Collins.
" 158, " Shields, Kugler, Reid, Oliver.
" 186, " Little, O'Farrell, Smith.
" 187, " Purvis, Albertson.
" 197, " Porter.
" 211, " Cartwright.
" 230, " Beenken.
" 260, " Blumenthal.

Proxies: 21, 106, 138, 144, 148, 153, 156, 194, 199, 218, 219, 220, 222, 226, 232, 233, 234, 241, 250, 253, 254, 259.

Forty-nine Lodges represented; twenty-eight by Lodges and twenty-one by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6½ P. M.

The following report was read and on motion was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADA., Dec. 5th, 1853, A. L. 5853.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully report the receipts and expenditures for the present year and the present state of said Fund as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Bal. in hand as per last report	$460 10
Amount received for interest on investments	435 34
Making	$895 44

EXPENDITURES.

Cash distributed to 42 worthy female applicants	$335 75	
" Paid taxes on Germantown lot	5 52	
" Invested in New Loan G. L.	132 21	
Making	$473 48	
Bal. in hands of Trustees to date	421 96	
Total		$895 44

Present state of the Charity Fund:

92 shares New M. Loan @ $50 is	$4,600 00
Five per cent. Loan, District of Southwark	700 00
Ground rent at Chester, Del. Co., Pa.	354 16
Making	$5,654 16
Amount of said Fund per last report	5,511 96
Increase in amount of investment	$142 20

The Trustees submit the following resolution:

Resolved, that four hundred dollars, of the money now in the hands of the Trustees, be and the same is hereby appropriated to their use for the service of the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. MARTIEN, WILLIAM ENGLISH,
JAMES KELLY, JOHN BRADLEY,
Trustees.

A communication was read from Brother —— —— —— in which he complains of the proceedings of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, and requests the Grand Lodge to take action in the case at an early day if practicable.

When on motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was referred to a special Committee of Three. The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. John Thomson, J. Altamont Phillips and Anthony E. Stocker on said Committee.

The following communication from —— —— was read and on motion of Bro. William English was laid on the table, to wit:

PITTSBURG, Sept. 3d, 1853.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Right W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The undersigned your petitioner who was an applicant for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 45 in the city of Pittsburg and who was rejected by said Lodge, as he believes, without sufficient cause, or from some private pique, respect-

fully prays that your Worshipful Lodge will, by the power invested in it, restore him to the position or standing which he occupied previous to said rejection and allow him to apply again to the same or some other Lodge and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed, —— ——.

Extract from the Minutes of Lodge No. 45 regular meeting held in their hall:

PITTSBURG, Feby. 26th, 1851, A. L. 5851.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the character and qualifications of —— —— an applicant for Initiation and Membership reported favourably. Whereupon a ballot was held and he was rejected.

The above is a true transcript from the Minutes.

CHARLES A. COLTON,
[L. S.] *Sec. No. 45.*

The following report was read, to wit:

To A. Bournonville, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The subscribers under and by virtue of an order of the Grand Lodge made at its Quarterly Communication held on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853, having been appointed a Committee to enquire into certain charges of unmasonic conduct preferred against Bro. —— —— of Franklin Lodge, No. 221.

Respectfully report: that having given due notice to the Committee appointed to prosecute the charges so preferred and likewise to Bro. —— —— of the time and place of meeting and the purpose thereof. That they met at the Masonic Hall at Pittsburg on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1853, and by regular adjournments for several days thereafter. That at the first meeting no persons were present but the Committee, who appeared on behalf of the complainants and their witness', but that on the last evening of their meeting Bro. —— —— attended and went fully into his defence and explanation in relation to the several charges and specifications against him

and was fully heard, thereon the general charge of unmasonic conduct resolved itself into three specifications, viz:

First, Fraud.

Second, Falsehood.

Third, Attempts to obtain money from Brethren by false pretenses.

As to the first it was alleged that Bro. —— obtained from Bro. —— —— a large amount of goods promising to pay for the same at a specified time failing to do so, reiterated the same promise again and again, and falsifying in relation to the same and finally doing nothing towards the discharge of the debt.

As to the second, denying to Bro. —— and other Brethren that he owed a debt to —— and ——, whilst at the same time he knew that they had a just account against him and falsifying with respect to other matters in order to create a false idea of his means and credit among the Brethren.

As to the third, that he endeavored by false pretences to borrow money of Brethren, well knowing he had not the means to discharge the debt.

After having the evidence and the explanation of Bro. —— your Committee came to the conclusion that Bro. —— had been guilty of unmasonic conduct, in making false statements to Brethren in relation to his business prospects and means of discharging his debt, but that so far as appears to your Committee at the time of contracting said debts he did not intend to defraud his creditors.

That he was guilty of unmasonic conduct in his endeavors to prevail upon members, of his own and other Lodges, to loan him money as from his circumstances it appears improbable that he could repay it, and for this he ought to be censured.

That in relation to Bro. —— —— and —— —— the conduct of Bro. —— —— was highly unmasonic and that until he has made them satisfactory reparation he should be suspended from the benefits and privileges of Freemasonry.

Your Committee therefore recommend that —— —— be suspended from the benefits of Freemasonry, until he has fully remunerated the said Brothers on account of their demands against him, or until they shall express to the Lodge No. 221 of

which he is a member their satisfaction for their claims against him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, SAMUEL MCKINLEY,
C. SCHALER,
ALEXANDER TINDLE,
Committee.

PITTSBURG, Novr. 30th, 1853, A. L. 5853.

On motion of P. G. Master, Bro. James Page the foregoing report was ordered to be recommitted, together with a copy of the report of the Committee in the ——'s case.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read and on motion was ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

To the R. Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending September 30th, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853.

RECEIPTS.

For Lodge dues, rents, &c.	$675 25	
" Return of insurance on Chestnut St. Hall	1,159 00	
" New Warrants, Dispensations, Certificates, Ahiman Rezons, &c.	523 00	
		$2,357 25

PAYMENTS.

Interest on Loans	$1,130 03	
Taxes on Chestnut St. property	689 32	
Gas bill 3rd St.	80 56	
William Badger for professional services.	60 00	
Coal 3d St. Hall	76 00	
Salary of Grand Treas., $50, Grd. Secy., $312.50, Grd. Tyler, $40.50	403 00	
Incidentals	48 10	
		2,487 01
Amount of payments exceeding receipts		$129 76

Leaving a balance in hands of the Grand Treasurer Sept. 30th, 1853 of	$6,689 04
Bal. June 30/53	$6,818 80

They also report progress in the case of the Sunbury Lodge, No. 22.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, GEORGE SMITH,
GEORGE H. OLIVER,
WILLIAM W. THOMSON,
Committee.

PHIL., Decr. 5th, 1853.

An application signed by a number of Brethren was read asking for a new Lodge at Columbia, Lancaster County, Penna., and nominating Bros. Christian S. Kauffman, W. M., Daniel Herr, S. W., Jacob M. Strickler, J. W. Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A special return was read from Lodge No. 62. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: that they have examined the various By-laws submitted to them and recommend the approval of the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 51, also the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 115, also the By-laws of Lodge No. 130. That the words "two thirds" in the XXth Art. of the By-laws of No. 216 be stricken out and that the word "majority" be substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 260 be approved. Also that the By-laws of No. 267 be approved. That the words, "or a majority of them" in Art. XIII. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 270 be stricken out and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "two thirds of the members" in the XVth Art. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 274 be stricken out and the words "a majority of the members present" be substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "by and with the consent of the Lodge in Sec. 2, Art. II. of the By-laws of Lodge

No. 275 be stricken out; that all after the word "received" be stricken from Sec. 2nd Art. XII. That to the last named Art. be added the following Sec. 4, Fees.

The fees for conferring the Degrees and for Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: for conferring the degrees by Dispensation.....$13 00
by Conferring the 1st Degree and Membership..... 13 00
" " " 2 do. on one who has received the first degree in another Lodge..... 10 00
for conferring the 3rd degree and Membership on one who has reced. the 1st and 2d degree in another Lodge 5 00
" Membership on a M. M. who has received his degrees in another Lodge 1 00

That the words "shall be stricken from the list of members" in the XII. Art. be stricken out and the words "may be suspended or expelled" be substituted. That Art. XVII. be stricken out and that the said By-laws be then approved.

That Art. VII. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 276 be stricken out and the following substituted, to wit:

ART. VII. *Fees.*

The fees for conferring the Degrees for Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows:
for conferring the Degrees by Dispensation.....$20
" " " 1st Degree and Membership..... 20
" " " 2d do. who has rec'd the 1st elsewhere 10
" " " 3d do. who has rec'd the 1st and 2d elsewhere 5
" " Membership on a M. M. who has rec'd his Degree elsewhere 3

That said By-laws be then approved.

That the words "two thirds" in Art. XII. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 282 be stricken out and the words "a majority" be substituted and that the said By-laws be then approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren, Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the following charges preferred by Bro. —— —— against Bro. —— —— of Saint John's Lodge, No. 233, Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa.

After patient investigation and mature deliberation make the following report:

Of exercising the power in his hands in an arbitrary and uncourteous manner. This charge substantiated by evidence.

Of not conforming to the mode of work prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. and of misleading the members of the Lodge in respect thereunto. The above charge fully substantiated by evidence.

Of causing a want of harmony and union to exist in said Lodge greatly detrimental to good fellowship and subversive of the ends of the institution. Substantiated.

Of attempting by spurious language to escape the odium consequent on one of his recent acts and to affix them on the undersigned. Substantiated.

Of being guilty of using grossly insulting, unmasonic and ungentlemanly language to the undersigned at the close of the last regular communication of this Lodge June 14th, 1853, by applying the epithet of liar to the undersigned. Fully substantiated.

The Committee would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. M. be respectfully requested to direct the R. W. D. D. G. M. for that Masonic District to instruct the officers and members of Saint John's Lodge, No. 233, in the work as established by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa., and should they refuse to receive such instruction and not conform therewith in their work then it shall be the duty of the D. D. G. M. to suspend the labors of said Lodge, sequestrate the Warrant and transmit the same to the R. W. Grand Secretary with a full report of his proceedings thereon.

Resolved, that Bro. —— —— be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, until he shall have made a suitable apology before the Lodge for the gross unmasonic

language he used to Bro. —— —— at the close of the Lodge meeting June 14th, 1853.

Your Committee in the course of their investigation learned with surprise and regret that meetings of Saint John's Lodge, No. 233, were held in the third story of a private dwelling, the second floor of which was occupied by two separate families, rendering their proceedings more or less exposed to the uninitiated, they would therefore respectfully offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the officers and members of Saint John's Lodge, No. 233, be directed to procure a more suitable room for their meetings, than the one they now occupy and where they will be free from the prying ears and eyes of Cowans and evesdroppers and that the R. W. Grand Secretary furnish the officers of the Lodge and the D. D. G. M. with a copy of this and the two preceding resolutions.

In the matter of the appeal of —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 233 in the rejection of his application for Initiation and Membership, praying to be placed in the position he occupied previous to said rejection and which appeal has been placed in the hands of the Committee for investigation.

That upon the testimony offered before your Committee by the former D. D. G. M., Bro. Woodward, and the present D. D. G. M., Bro. Oakford, both of whom testified to his high moral character and the great esteem in which he is held by the inhabitants of Pittston, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that —— —— be restored to the position he occupied previous to his rejection by Saint John's Lodge, No. 233.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, D. C. Skerritt,
E. H. Butler,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Phillips and duly seconded, that part of the report in relation to —— —— was approved and the resolution adopted.

On motion resolution No. 1 was adopted without amendment.

Resolution No. 2 was amended as follows and was then adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that Bro. —— —— be suspended

from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, until he shall have made a suitable written apology to the Lodge and one year thereafter for the gross unmasonic language he used to Bro. —— —— at the close of the Lodge meeting June 14th, 1853.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted without any amendment.

The following was received and ordered to be filed, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Building Committee of the New Hall Chestnut Street.

Respectfully report: that since their last communication the several contractors, with some slight exceptions, have proceeded in their work with commendable zeal and considerable progress has been made in the building.

The foundation and cellar walls are all up to a level with the pavement, the immense granite blocks fixed on the Chestnut Street front and those on Lodge Alley are now being placed in their position.

The ground floor of joice is nearly laid over the entire surface and the walls will be continued and carried as high as a due regard for their stability looking to the condition of the weather will permit.

The stone for the front is prepared and will be put up soon as the granite work is ready.

The iron work connected with floor of Grand Lodge Room will be continued during the Winter, so that the arches can be commenced early in the Spring.

Every thing indicates that with the opening of the building season of next year the work can be pushed to a speedy completion and the expectation of the Committee as indicated in the former report will be realized.

The amounts drawn for by orders on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the several contractors fifteen per cent. being deducted on each estimate and retained for the purpose of securing a faithful performance of the contract and to guard against liens are as follows:

	Est.,	Less 15 p. ct.,	Order for
Pickens and Co.	$1,060	$159 00	$901 00
do. do.	350	52 50	297 50
do. do.	230	34 50	195 50

	Est.,	Less 15 p. ct.,	Order for
Pickens and Co.	$500	$75 00	$425 00
do. do.	500	75 00	425 00
do do.	265	39 75	225 00
Joseph Hutchinson, Supt.	....	.....	170 00
Pickens and Co.	475	71 25	403 75
do. do.	525	78 75	446 25
Kilgore & Haddres, party wall,	....	.....	1,656 15
Pickens and Co.	500	75 00	425 00
do. do.	500	75 00	425 00
do. do.	550	82 50	467 50
do. do.	400	60 00	340 00
do. do.	200	30 00	170 00
J. Walker, stone work	500	75 00	425 00
Joseph Hutchinson, Supt.	....	.....	130 00
Whitney and Son, columns	....	.....	1,000 00
Pickens and Co.	350	52 50	297 50
J. Walker, stone work	350	52 50	297 50
do. do.	400	60 00	340 00
do. do.	120	18 00	102 00
J. S. Price, carpenter	600	90 00	510 00
Samuel Sloan, architect	....	.....	500 00
Total Estimates	$8,375		
" Reservations		$1,256 25	
" Payments			$10,574 90

The payments exceed the estimates because they include: For western party wall, $1,656.15; to the architect, $500; to the superintendent, $300; on account of iron columns delivered, $1000.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, James Page,
Chairman, Building Committee.

Decr. 19th, 1853.

The following report was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— from the action of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, in suspending him from Membership, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have given a careful examination to the testimony submitted to them and they are unanimous in their opinion that there was sufficient cause for the suspension of the applicant.

Therefore offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the suspension of —— —— by Chandler Lodge, No. 227, is hereby confirmed.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged.

Signed, JOHN THOMSON,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER,
TOWNSEND SMITH,
Committee.

PHIL., Decr. 19th, 1853.

The following report was received and the resolution adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred the petition from —— ——, who was an applicant for Initiation in Chandler Lodge, No. 227, and was rejected (one black ball appearing against him); also the recommendation, in his favor, of the officers of said Lodge. Respectfully beg leave to report, that they have given a careful consideration to the same and offer the following resolution, *Resolved*, that Chandler Lodge, No. 227, be authorized to take another ballot on the application of —— —— for Initiation and Membership.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JOHN THOMSON,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER,
TOWNSEND SMITH,
Committee.

DEC. 19th, 1853.

The following communication was read, also sundry recommendations which accompanied the same, and on motion duly

made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioner was granted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and other Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Penna.

BRETHREN,—Having been suspended from the privileges of Masonry by a vote of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, some time before that Lodge was suspended from its labors and I having met with many misfortunes do now most respectfully request your honorable body to remit the amount of the dues for the non-payment of which alone I was suspended and that you will be pleased to restore me to the privileges of Masonry for which favor I will be for ever thankful.

Most respectfully and fraternally yours,

——— ———.

BLOOMSFIELD, Nov. 4th, 1853.

The following communication was read and ordered to be filed:

Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153.

Regular Meeting, Sept. 12th, A. L. 5853.

The following resolution was passed by said Lodge, viz.:

Resolved, that our proxy in the Grand Lodge be instructed to vote for a resolution, reducing all subordinate Lodges to one vote and excluding all Past Masters from a vote in the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge pay the expenses of a representative from each subordinate Lodge to the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Signed, R. D. MICKLE,
W. M.

I do hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the Minutes of Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, for the regular meeting Sept. 12th, 1853.

Attest:
A. H. INGRAM,
Sec'ty.

[L. S.]

On motion of P. G. M. James Page the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the bond to be taken by the Grand Officers from the Grand Treasurer elect, as required by the Art. XII. of the Rules and Regulations, shall be in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars and that the Grand Treasurer elect shall give such further security to the Trustees of the New Masonic Loans, as the Officers may deem advisable for the funds that may come into his hands on account of said new loan.

On motion of Bro. James Page, R. W. P. G. M., the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that a Committee of Three Brethren be appointed by the R. W. Grand M. to investigate the condition of the account of Minersville Lodge, No. 222, with the Grand Lodge and to ascertain and report all the facts relative thereto.

On motion of Bro. Edward P. Lescure and duly seconded, the following was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that Keystone Lodge, No. 271, Schekinah Lodge, No. 246, Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, and Richmond Lodge, No. 230, be allowed a representative in the Board of Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9½ o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 27th, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, R. W. G. M.
" James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W.
" John Thomson, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" Mathew Cartwright, J. G. do.

Bro. Charles Bard Reese, } G. Stewards.
" James Kelly, }
" James W. Martien, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Laudenslager, G. Sword Bearer.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page, P. G. Master.
Rev. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Thomas.
"	3,	"	Meetier, Bilger, Ashton, English, Skerrett, Leddy.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Brothers, Henderson, Atkinson.
"	19,	"	Cooper, Bradley, Thornley, Haswell.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Baggs.
"	52,	"	Pierson, Ferguson, Wood.
"	59,	"	Macpherson, Adams, Neeson, McMullin, Taylor.
"	67,	"	Griffith, Jos. and Jas. Hutchinson, Reese, Martien, Conrad, Smith, Baugh.
"	71,	"	Hutchinson, Bladen, Bambrey.
"	72,	"	H. M. Phillips, Ashton.
"	81,	"	Fulton.
"	91,	"	Swain.
"	114,	"	Baxter, Clark, Steel, Young, Krider, Hamm, Huddle, Spackman, Boyd, Sharp, Harmer.
"	115,	"	Heylin, McCloud, Shultz.
"	121,	"	Mitchell, Lennig, Campbell, Peterson.
"	125,	"	Remak, Osner, Buehler, Steiner, Zeigler, Bournonville.
"	126,	"	Hesser, Page.
"	130,	"	Lescure, McGrath, Brown, Piper.
"	131,	"	Maddock.
"	134,	"	Roney, Goddard, Williamson.
"	155,	"	Martin, Ruan, Gaul.
"	158,	"	Reed.
"	186,	"	Gaskill, Brown.
"	187,	"	Wilkinson, Albertson.
"	190,	"	Brown.

No. 211, Bros. Peall, Bennett, Cartwright.
" 230, " Beenken.
" 245, " Carr, Marm.
" 260, " Blumenthal.
" 271, " Maher.
" 274, " Goddard, Horner.

Proxies, 21, 62, 138, 143, 144, 148, 153, 156, 199, 218, 222, 226, 223, 232, 239, 250, 253, 254, 269.

Fifty Lodges represented, thirty-two by members and eighteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ten o'clock A. M.

So much of the Minutes of Dec. 5th, 1853, as relates to the election of Officers was read and approved.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 269, appointing Bro. James Ferguson, a P. M. of Lodge No. 52, their proxy. Which was on motion approved and Bro. James Ferguson duly acknowledged as proxy of Lodge No. 269.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 278 were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Bro. Charles E. Blumenthal then read the following report to the Grand Master, to wit:

PHILADA., Decr. 20th, 1853.

To Anthony Bournonville, M. D., R. W. Grand Master in and for the Commonwealth of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR,—At the termination of another Masonic year it becomes again my duty to report to you the result of my labors.

I therefore respectfully present to you the following report:

During the past year I have visited twenty-two Lodges. Some of them by particular request several times, the Lodges visited are Nos. 21, 25, 43, 45, 143, 153, 156, 164, 197, 203, 219, 216, 221, 225, 226, 231, 237, 249, 260, 266 and 281.

In performing this duty I have traveled more than three thousand miles, spent time equivalent to four months and more than two hundred and eighty dollars, on the other hand I have received at sundry times from Lodges, for expenses, sums which amounted all together to seventy-eight dollars, in no instance have I made a charge, viz.: demanded it or made a bill, only

when Lodges through their officers have offered the payment, according to the provision in the Ahiman Rezon, have I accepted it and in some instances receipted for it to the Treasurer.

R. W. Sir, I would not have alluded to these pecuniary matters connected with my office had I not learned that in the course of a late meeting of the Grand Lodge, and while I was absent, some of the Brethren thought proper to make remarks, which must have been the result of erroneous statements received by them, or some other mistake.

The Lodges which I have visited are all in a prosperous state as far as numbers and finances are concerned, many are imbued with the true Masonic spirit and carry out the doctrine that the permanent prosperity of a Lodge should not be sought for by increasing the number of its members, but rather by improving their character and guarding against the introduction of improper material. Yet there are some whose zeal for the spread of Masonry causes them to be too anxious for a numerical increase. A high Initiation fee and increased monthly contributions would serve as a salutary check to such indiscreet zeal.

The work I found by no means uniform, for while the Lodges within access of Philada. are generally correct, those in the more remote places have frequently a patchwork more fanciful than a lady's quilt. I have endeavoured to the best of my ability, and at much sacrifice of time, to remedy the evil, and in some instances have succeeded.

But equally if not more pernicious have I found in many instances the illegal business proceedings thus, *e. g.:* a Lodge after it has finally rejected a candidate through the ballot box, suffers him at a subsequent meeting to be declared duly elected a member, simply because two Brethren stated that they had cast the black balls, and have withdrawn their objections. Other Lodges are in the habit after a candidate has been rejected, to suffer him to apply again by petition at a subsequent meeting without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge. Several Lodges hold their election for Officers in a M. M. Lodge including F. C. and E. A.

Appeals to the Grand Lodge are even now talked of in several Lodges to contest such elections. A remedy other than that of appointing a Grand Lecturer, I am convinced must be adopted

if we wish to alter a state of things which must prove eventually disastrously to the Craft in this State.

Before I offer a suggestion as regards the remedy, permit me R. W. Sir to resign into your hands the office and authority of Grand Visitor with which you have seen proper to honor me, and to assure you that with this, my resignation, I tender you my thanks for the kindness and counsel with which you have assisted me in the discharge of my duty. I shall always be supported in my zeal for Masonry, by the recollection of the self-sacrificing labors which you have performed in its service, the country too appreciate your efforts to do something for its Masonic welfare. But I have become convinced, from personal observation and conversation, that it is not a Grand Lecturer the country Lodges ask for and that it is not a Grand Lecturer that will cure the existing evil. The Lodges ask as the only satisfactory remedy that the acting W. M. of all the Lodges in the State be assembled in Philada. once a year, the week preceding the Quarterly Communication in December and then be instructed by the R. W. Grand Master or some one deputized by him. But since a number of Lodges are now preparing memorials to the Grand Lodge to that effect.

I will reserve my reasons for advocating this plan for the time, when it will be brought before the Grand Lodge in a tangible form.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
Yours fraternally,

Signed, CHAS. E. BLUMENTHAL.

Bro. Gustavus Remak, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stated that his long absence in Europe during the last year prevented a report from being made by this Committee and hoped the Grand Lodge would excuse him. Approved.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to deliver the following address.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN—This day, two years ago, it was my high privilege to assume the responsible duties of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge—an honorable and proud station, which I am now about yielding to the respected Brother,

whom your unanimous votes have elected to succeed me. Although conscious of bringing to the discharge of those duties, a heart ardently devoted to the cause of Masonry, and an honest and sincere desire to promote its best interests I nevertheless felt that without your kind indulgence and forbearance my path would be rugged, and my hopes to perform the arduous duties of this station with any degree of satisfaction to myself and profit to the Craft would be frustrated. Having uniformly enjoyed that forbearance at your hands I so much coveted, having moreover experienced your generous kindness and confidence, it behooves me, before surrendering the high authority you have conferred upon me, to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the manifold tokens of your brotherly affection. This moment, my Brethren, is with me a solemn one.—Not only on account of the return of the day so much revered by the Craft—not only on account of the impressive ceremonies which are incidental to the elevation of those whom your suffrages have designated as the Officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year, but because momentous and important reflections present themselves to my mind, which, whilst they are a source of pride to myself individually, cannot but be gratifying to every true-hearted American Mason.—Accident of birth, clime, nationality or religion, whatever influence it may exercise in other countries, on the promotion or oppression of the individual man, finds no favor in this our common country, and is nowhere more disregarded than in the mystic circle of our beloved Craft. I should be blind to the glorious institutions of this blessed land—unconscious of the excellencies of Masonry, of which I have for many years been a devoted admirer—and ungrateful to you for the favors your partiality has bestowed upon me, were I not to refer to myself as a striking illustration of the truth of that proposition.—Although for a period of more than a quarter of a century, a citizen of this Commonwealth, I can neither claim as intimate a knowledge of the language of the land, nor as thorough a familiarity with the manifold rules and regulations, the accurate and prompt appreciation of which is essential to a satisfactory discharge of the duties of a presiding officer—as many of my honored predecessors in this or any of the inferior stations of the Grand Lodge; yet your fraternal kindness has successively raised me from the obscure position of an humble member of this august body, to all the Masonic honors in your gift, until you have twice placed me in the Eastern Chair, a position only to be filled by those possessed of high moral worth, untiring devotion to the interests of the Craft, and of more than ordinary share of mental ability. The unmerited distinctions thus conferred upon me through a number of years, have awakened in my breast a lasting gratitude, which I hope ever to manifest by an unceasing attachment to our common cause, as long as I may be spared to occupy a place on this floor.

Since I had last the honor to address you upon the state of the Craft under this jurisdiction, its then existing prosperity has continued unabated. The want of knowledge of the correct work of the Craft among a number of the country Lodges, to which I took particular occasion to refer on St. John's Day last, has during the past Masonic Year, received all the attention which the nature of the case would permit of. Brother Charles E. Blumenthal, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 260, at Carlisle, has continued

during that time to visit a number of country Lodges, to deliver Masonic addresses and give instruction in the work, landmarks, and usages of the Craft. The acknowledged ability and zeal of that worthy Brother, have, as far as I have been able to learn, been crowned with much success. It is to be hoped that a continued and uninterrupted attention to this subject will soon disseminate such perfect, general, and uniform knowledge of the work, that further instruction will become unnecessary.

In compliance with the duty imposed on the Grand Master by the Ahiman Rezon, a personal inspection of the Lodges in Philadelphia and of some of the most contiguous to the City has been made by me during the last year. Accompanied by the other Grand Officers visitations have been made to twenty-nine Lodges. In these Lodges, with a few and mostly unimportant exceptions, its landmarks, usages and customs have been properly regarded, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge strictly adhered to; their finances have been found to be in a flourishing condition, the charitable donations liberal, and a spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailing among the members. The Grand Visitations were numerously attended, and the addresses delivered on those occasions listened to by a large collection of Brethren.

During the last two years Warrants have been granted to the following Lodges, viz:

To No. 260, at Carlisle Cumberland county.
" 261, at Providence, Luzerne county.
" 262, at Orrstown, Franklin county.
" 263, at Skinner's Eddy, Wyoming county.
" 264, at Columbus, Warren county.
" 265, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county.
" 266, at York, York county.
" 267, at Bellefonte, Centre county.
" 268, at Tremont, Schuylkill county.
" 269, at Birmingham, Allegheny county.
" 270, at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county.
" 271, Keystone Lodge, Philadelphia city.
" 272, at Butler, Butler county.
" 273, at Morgan's Corner, Delaware county.
" 274, Hamilton Lodge, West Phila., Philadelphia co.
" 275, at Latrobe, Westmoreland county.
" 276, at Brookville, Jefferson county.
" 277, at Clarion, Clarion county.
" 278, at Jonestown, Cambria county.
" 279, at Carmichaelstown, Greene county.
" 280, at Canton, Bradford county.
" 281, at Altoona, Blair county.
" 282, at Hollidaysburg, Blair county.
" 283, at Bethlehem, Northampton county.
" 284, at Catasauqua, Lehigh county.
" 285, at St. Clair, Schuylkill county.

The old Lodge No. 183, at Tredyffrin, Chester county, has been revived; as also Industry Lodge, No. 131, at Philadelphia city. The warrants asked for

at Strasburg, Lancaster county and Susquehanna, Susquehanna county are still under consideration. Making altogether twenty-six new Lodges that have been created and two old Lodges revived during my administration. Of these I have, accompanied by the Grand Officers, personally constituted four, viz.: No. 270, 271, 273, and 274. Such an increase is indeed astonishing and unprecedented in the annals of this Grand Lodge, and I can look back with satisfaction and pride, and congratulate you on the truly prosperous and flourishing condition of the Craft under this jurisdiction.

An event of some importance to the entire Craft under this jurisdiction deserves, at least, a passing notice from me on this occasion.—On the 21st of November last the corner-stone of our new Temple on the site of our old Hall in Chestnut Street, was laid by me with proper and imposing ceremonies, in the presence of the other Grand Officers, and amidst the acclamations of the great concourse of Brethren then assembled. The hope is reasonably entertained that on St. John's Day next we may, with the blessing of the Great Architect, be permitted to assemble in the magnificent and spacious structure which is to grace that ancient and endeared site.

Finances of the Grand Lodge for 1853.

The finances of the Grand Lodge have continued to improve during the last year, as will appear from the following:

Receipts.

From Lodges, Chapters and Encampments, during the last year	$11,994 50
New Warrants and Dispensations	2,963 50
Chestnut Street Hall and Stores	1,967 92
Third Street Hall	225 00
Insurance returned on Chestnut Street Hall	1,159 00
Total Receipts up to this day	$18,309 92
Balance in the Gr. Treasurer's hands, Dec. 31, '52	3,182 53
	$21,492 45

Payments.

Interest of Grand Lodge Debt	$2,787 17	
Incidental and other expenses, Taxes, Gas, Plans of New Hall, &c	2,989 09	
Paid to Treasurer of Sinking Fund	5,091 00	
Salaries of Gr. Treasurer, Gr. Secretary, and Gr. Tyler.	1,633 00	
Kidd's Mortgage on Third Street Hall paid off	6,667 16	
		$19,167 42
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at this time, of		$2,325 05

Out of the above balance, the interest coming due January 1, 1854, will be paid.

The Sinking Fund,

As per Report, amounted last year to		$45,709 00
Invested this year for this fund in certificates of Masonic Loans	$4,091 00	
Do. Gas Loan, bought of Charity Fund	2,067 79	
Balance on hand	87 39	
		6,246 18
Sum total		$51,955 18

Showing a diminution of the Grand Lodge Debt as follows:

Invested for Sinking Fund	$6,246 18
Kidd's Mortgage on Third St. Hall, paid off	6,667 16
Sum total	$12,913 34

Which, considering that the Chestnut Street Hall, instead of bringing in about $6,000 per annum, has not quite brought $2,000, is more than the Grand Lodge ever has paid off in one year.

The old debt of the Grand Lodge has been reduced from $74,437.82 to not quite $6,000. The old debt of $60,000 having been paid off by taking the whole Sinking Fund of $50,000, and from the new Masonic Loan $10,000, makes $60,000 00

The certificates of this Loan have not yet been cancelled, but will be so in a few days.

The Gas Loan of $2,097.79 has been paid off	2,067 79
Kidd's Mortgage against the Third Street property, likewise paid	6,666 66
Makes	$68,734 45

Leaves a balance of the old debt of $5,582.87. This sum of about $6,000 is now the only mortgage against the property on Third Street. This property can at any time be sold for $30,000, leaving $24,000 to be applied to the furnishing of the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, the new Sinking Fund, or for other purposes of the Grand Lodge.

The Girard Bequest.

The charitable donations to poor and respectable Brethren, continue to be dispensed with a liberal hand in accordance with the will of our late Brother and benefactor, Stephen Girard. The Fund amounts as usual to about $35,000. $2,000 have been appropriated this year to the use of the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund and they have performed their duty with diligence and fidelity.

During the last twelve months they have distributed $1,745

$1,290, have been distributed to fifty-three applicants from this jurisdiction; $455 to twenty-one Brethren hailing from foreign jurisdictions. Four Brethren who have received assistance from this Fund have departed life during the last twelve months.

Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

$294.50 have been distributed to forty-two applicants in distress, widows of deceased Masons.

The Fund amounts as before to nearly $6000, with the properties in Chester and Germantown.

New Masonic Loan.

In order to raise the necessary funds for the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, five Brethren of this Grand Lodge have been appointed to constitute with the Grand Officers for the time being, a Board of Trustees. Nearly $52,040, of this loan have already been taken by the different Lodges, Chapters, Girard's Bequest and the Charity Fund. Out of this fund about $11,000, have been paid to the different contractors of the building, and $10,000 to the Sinking Fund in order to extinguish the old debt, leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of about $31,040, cash and other securities.

Before I close these brief remarks it seems to me to be but appropriate, once more to refer in a few words to some matters for which I solicited your particular consideration at the time of my first elevation to the station of Grand Master, but which as yet have remained unheeded. In addition to the recommendation that our Ahiman Rezon should be properly revised, as many of its provisions have at present become totally inoperative whilst others might be perfected, I suggested the propriety that this Grand Lodge should with becoming dignity and spirit become the mediator and conciliator where difficulties have arisen in other jurisdictions, and where the weight and influence of this body may be judiciously exercised in restoring harmony, union and brotherly love among Brethren at variance with each other. This office of a truly Masonic character could at that time, as it can at this time, most beneficially be performed with regard to difficulties among the Brethren in New York.—In the firm belief that the sentiment "Masonry all around the Globe," is not a mere empty phrase, but one of deep meaning and weighty importance, I conceived that I was but endeavoring fully and conscientiously to discharge my duty, when I spoke of an effort on the part of this Grand Lodge to bring all the erring Brethren of the Masonic flock into one and the same fold; that the Mason from any distant country may not share the fate of the entire stranger, and that he who has ever considered himself a true and lawful Mason, and has been taught to believe that wherever he goes he would be considered as such, may not find to his sorrow and sad disappointment that in the most favored and liberal land the errors of those who centuries ago have deviated from the original groundwork of Masonry, are now visited on him with the most acrimonious severity. Such an effort would be worthy of the high position of this Grand Lodge, and would be for future ages of incalculable benefit to "Masonry all around the Globe." The plan is not only feasible but would soon find active laborers of the highest intellect in both hemispheres.

Before leaving this post I cannot but express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Grand Lodge for their generous acquiescence in some of the decisions of the Chair, which whilst they may not have met the approval of

James Hutchinson

R. W. Grand Master.

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all, have, I hope, tended to the dispatch of the business of the Grand Lodge. No thought is, however, more painful to me than the mere possibility of leaving in the breast of any one Brother the least ill feeling towards me on account of any word or act of mine whilst I occupied the chair. Should there be any such, I here offer to him my Masonic hand and heart, and hope that he will forgive my unintentional error in the spirit of true brotherly love. To all the Grand Officers, for their valuable counsel and harmonious co-operation in all matters tending to the promotion of the interest of the Grand Lodge, my special thanks are due. Under the guidance of the long-tried, able, beloved and respected Brother, that will now fill the chair, and with the assistance of the Brethren, the prosperity of the Grand Lodge must even exceed the most sanguine expectations. That such may be the case is the ardent wish of us all, and its fulfilment cannot fail, when each Brother zealously labors in the good cause, and all humbly rely on the blessings of the Great Architect on High.

Those present who were not Past Masters having retired, Bro. James Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Master Elect and Brother Peter Williamson, R. W. Dep. Grand Master elect, were separately and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Whereupon the Brethren who had retired were readmitted and the following Grand Officers were severally and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, to wit:

Bro. John K. Mitchell, S. G. W.
" Henry M. Phillips, J. G. W.
" Thomas E. Baxter, G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, G. Sec.

R. W. Grand Master, Brother James Hutchinson, delivered the following address.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

Brethren—Called by your suffrages to the high and responsible station of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, I enter upon the duties committed to me with much distrust in my ability to discharge them with satisfaction to myself, and in a manner to promote the honor and welfare of the Craft.

But entertaining unbounded confidence in your intelligence and devotion to the best interests of the order, and having no desire but the advancement of these interests, and depending upon your zealous support and co-operation in all means best adapted to promote these ends, I sincerely hope that my course of action during my term of service may secure your esteem, and in some degree merit your approbation.

I shall endeavor to adhere strictly to the principles of the Order, keeping a watchful eye to the preservation in their purity, all the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of the Order.

Acknowledging the Grand Lodge as the source of all Masonic authority, I shall use cautiously the high power invested in the Grand Master, exercising the best judgment I am possessed of in all decisions I may be called upon to make; that these decisions may often be in opposition to the better judgment of many of you, I cannot doubt, but I shall rely upon the uniform kindness heretofore extended to me, that you will attribute to me no improper motive, "a mistake of the head, not of the heart."

It will not, I hope, be considered out of place to remind you of the necessity to guard strictly the landmarks of the Order, remembering the brotherly love that should bind us together, and the harmony that should exist among us, and entertaining the kind feelings towards all mankind that our principles inculcate.

Let us in all our actions both in and out of the Lodge remember our duty to the Great Head of the Order, and that His all-seeing eye is upon us, and while in the discharge of our duty to our Brethren let us not forget our duty to Him, but discharge it with zeal and sincerity. And may He continue His guardian care over us and our beloved Order, cementing us together with a portion of His love in the bonds of every moral and social virtue.

It has often been a cause of much regret to me that a more frequent intercourse between the city and country Lodges has not been kept up; if any measures could be devised to advance this end I am convinced much good would result, unpleasant and unkind feelings that sometimes arise would be avoided, and that love which is the cement of our Craft would be more generally spread around and among us.

With a view to the advancement of this object it is my intention to assist in this desirable course by frequent visits to our country Brethren, and endeavor as far as possible to convince them that brotherly love is not with us a mere name.

Allow me to congratulate you, my Brethren, on the bright prospect before us. But a few years since the Demon Anti-Masonry was raving through our land seeking by false accusations to destroy us; charging our Institution with being in opposition to the best interests of our beloved country; but thanks to the protection of a kind Providence, the brotherhood was not to be severed. By a quiet, firm, and constant adherence to the eternal principles of our Order, we have been enabled to triumph over all its machinations, and we now behold throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction constant accessions to our numbers, and continual applications for the establishment of new Lodges, and I feel a Masonic pride in saying that those additions are from among our most respected and patriotic citizens.

That this prosperity may continue is my sincere desire, and as a means to that end let me recommend to all a continued reverence to our Great Head, the Grand Master of the Universe, and the exercise of that brotherly love which has always been the distinguishing character of the Order.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Jacob Albright of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.

Bro. David E. Stout of Reading, for the counties of Berks and Montgomery, in place of Bro. Joseph L. Stichter who declined a reappointment.

Bro. George H. McCabe of Tamaqua, for the county of Schuylkill.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, for the counties of Northampton and Carbon.

Bro. George C. Welker of Sunbury, for the counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour.

Bro. Robert A. Lamberton of Harrisburg, in place of Bro. J. H. Berryhill who declined a reappointment, for the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Mifflin, Blair, Huntingdon.

Bro. William Smith of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming, Centre.

Bro. James S. Hoon of Pittsburg, in place of Bro. Samuel McKinley, who declined a reappointment, for the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Beaver, Lawrence, Butler.

Bro. John V. Smith of Tunkhannock, for the counties of Bradford, Wyoming, Susquehanna.

Bro. R. A. Oakford of Pittston, for the counties of Luzerne, Wayne.

Bro. George K. Bain of Meadville, for the counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Warren.

Bro. J. B. Musser of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Green, Fayette.

Bro. William Heyser of Chambersburg, for the counties of Franklin, Cumberland, York.

Grand Chaplains.

(For the City of Philadelphia.)

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, John L. Burrows, Peter Van Pelt, H. W. Ducachet, E. S. Ely.

(For other portions of the State.)

Rev. Bros. George McElroy, M. P. Jamison, J. Killekelly, R. Deshea Morris, William Cooper.

Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" Richard Vaux, J. G. do.
" Charles Bard Reese and Alfred Cooper, G. Stewards.
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Laudenslager, G. Sword Bearer.
" Horace Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" William B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. William English, James Kelly, John Bradley, James W. Martien, James B. Baggs.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. George Smith, George H. Oliver, Joseph S. Riley, Daniel Thompson, Francis Blackburne.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. William Badger, James B. Chandler, William H. Klapp.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. James Page, William H. Adams, Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE TRANSACTIONS OF LAST YEAR, AND SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. Joshua Mitchell, George Griscom, D. C. Skerrett.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Harman Baugh, Washington Heimberger, A. B. Ashton.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel Badger, William Barger, James Page.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Mathew Cartwright, Edmund Barrington, John Martin, Joseph Moore, J. Alex. Simpson, Edward T. Mott, John G. Sharp, Abraham West, James Simpson, James Ferguson, John Reynolds, George Thomson, Stephen Taylor, Jacob Meyer, John Coates, William E. Ewing, Thomas Roney, Edward P. Lescure, Jacob Steiner, John McCloud, John H. Casey, Townsend Smith, Gavin Watson, Michael Bouvier,

William Leach, Thomas Graham, Henry S. Patterson, John S. Goddard.

On motion of R. W. Grand Secretary Bro. William H. Adams, and duly seconded by R. W. S. Grand Warden Bro. John K. Mitchell, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge of Penna. are due and are hereby offered to the R. W. P. Grand Master Bro. Anthony Bournonville, for the courteous, gentlemanlylike and truly Masonic manner with which he has presided over this Grand Lodge during his late administration and for the zeal and untiring activity with which he has discharged his administrative duties, which have contributed much to bring about the present happy condition of the affairs of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a written testimonial to that effect be presented to the R. W. P. G. Master Anthony Bournonville, embodying the assurance of respect and fraternal regard which this Grand Lodge entertains for him and which shall be signed by the R. W. Grand Master and his Officers.

On motion of Bro. Gustavus Remak and duly seconded, the Grand Officers were appointed a Committee to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

On motion of P. G. M. Bro. James Page, and duly seconded by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. William H. Adams, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, the official connection which for ten years existed between the Grand Lodge and Bro. John Thomson, its Grand Treas. has just ended and it is right and proper that some testimonial of the esteem and regard of the Fraternity, justly merited by long and valuable services should be presented to so worthy and efficient an officer therefore be it

Resolved, that the retirement of Brother John Thomson from the highly important and responsible position he has filled with so much honor to himself and benefit to the Craft is an event deeply to be regretted by every true Masonic heart.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge can never forget that in the discharge of his duties as its Grand Treasurer his whole career has been signally marked by the most scrupulous regard for the proprieties of his position and the responsible trust reposed

in him and that the funds of the Institution ever treated as sacred by him could nowhere have found as their safe depository a more honorable man or a more faithful Mason.

Resolved, that in his official relation, as well as in his Masonic intercourse, Bro. Thomson has manifested not merely a zeal for the welfare and prosperity of the Order generally but has exhibited a practical adherence to its principles worthy of imitation by all who venerate its landmarks and desire to give stability to the future by cherishing and encouraging the true Masonic virtues.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered, to Bro. Thomson for his valuable and faithful services and the members thereof assure him that he carries with him in his retirement their cordial and unabated esteem and regard.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions signed by the Grand Officers and attested under the seal of the Grand Lodge be prepared by the R. W. Grand Secretary and handed to Bro. Thomson.

Returns were received from the following Lodges, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour the reading of them was postponed, to wit:

Lodge No. 2, for the year 1853, 148 Members, 45 Initiations.
" No. 3. Returns 245 Members, 30 Initiations.
" No. 9. 98 Members, 29 Initiations.
" No. 19. 304 Members, 65 Initiations.

Accompanying the above returns the following communication was received, which was ordered to be entered and filed.

That portion in relation to an amendment to the By-laws was approved, to wit:

Bristol Lodge, No. 25,

Bristol, Decr. 26th, 1853.

To the R. W. Gr. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brethren,—Accompanying will be found the annual returns of the members of Bristol Lodge, No. 25. They we hope will evidence the healthy progress and condition under your fraternal supervision. During the past year our Brethren have erected a spacious temple especially to be dedicated to Masonry

and its kindred charities. Upon its completion we will beg your honorable body and respectfully invoke your presence and services at its dedication. We respectfully submit for your approval the following amendment to our By-laws. It having passed through the preliminary action of our Lodge.

Art. XV. All members of this Lodge whom now are or may hereafter be required by their business out of the State and at such distance as shall preclude them from attending the stated meetings of the Lodge shall upon application be placed upon half dues.

Further, at a stated meeting of Bristol Lodge, No. 25, held Saturday evening, Dec. 10th, 5853, a communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Pa. was rec'd and read embodying their resolve that so much of the material of the old hall as has been selected by the Brethren of Bristol Lodge be and the same is hereby presented to them agreeably to the recommendation of the R. W. G. Master.

When on motion it was unanimously *resolved*, that the thanks of this Lodge be presented to the R. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna. for the kind manner in which he recommended the donation to this Lodge of the building materials used in the erection of our new hall and also to the R. W. the members of the Grand Lodge for their fraternal and unanimous action upon the recommendation of the Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Attest:

DANIEL M. KEIM,
Sec. B. L., No. 25.

Lodge	No.	59.	63	Members,	16	Initiations.
"	"	71.	81	"	10	"
"	"	72.	119	"	28	"
"	"	114.	149	"	26	"
"	"	115.	81	"	24	"
"	"	125.	49	"	8	"
"	"	126.	109	"	27	"
"	"	130.	135	"	35	"
"	"	155.	199	"	56	"
"	"	158.	118	"	27	"
"	"	186.	186	"	51	"
"	"	187.	78	"	19	"

On motion of Bro. Gustavus Remak and duly seconded, it was resolved that the addresses of the Present and Past Grand Master delivered this morning be printed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was further resolved that the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the New Hall, Chestnut St. and Brother John K. Mitchell's ode and oration together with the two addresses delivered at the Grand Visitations by the R. W. Grand Master be printed and distributed to every member of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

Bros. David R. Murrell and A. B. Davis, Lodge No. 3; Herman Yerkes, Lodge No. 9; Fred. Kopp, Lodge No. 19; J. B. Boyd, Lodge No. 21; Wm. Stirling, Lodge No. 59; Daniel G. Bush, Lodge No. 70; Isaac Hyneman, Lodge No. 71; H. R. Wilson, W. P. Huddell, George B. Stout, Lodge No. 114; Jas. W. Webb, Lodge No. 121; Thomas S. Marston, Lodge No. 126; Spencer Bonsall, Lodge No. 134; Peter Krigbaum, Lodge No. 144; Joseph J. Read, Lodge No. 187; A. Jordan Swartz, Lodge No. 227; John Lawshe, Lodge No. 232; David Ellenger, Lodge No. 281; Wm. F. Jeandell and John Morrow, Lodge No. 1, Wilmington, Del.; Gideon H. Macon, Lodge No. 10, North Carolina; Andrew W. Johnston, Lodge No. 15, New Castle, Del.; Sam'l Gortatowsky, Lodge No. 224, Louisville, Ky.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ to one o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

COLUMBIA, LANCASTER CO., PENNA.,
Feb. 16th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" John Thomson, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" William English, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.

Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon.
" Charles Bard Reese, J. G. Deacon, p. t.
" Alfred Cooper, } G. Stewards, p. t.
" Joseph Hutchinson, }
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Edw. Strickland, G. Sword Bearer.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" William H. Neeson, G. Tyler.
" George D. Haswell, } Music.
" Gus. Emmerick, }
" A. Bergfelt, }
" Henry Apple, }

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form and Columbia Lodge, No. 286, was duly constituted and Bro. Christian S. Kauffman, Installed W. M.; Bro. Daniel Herr, Installed S. W., and Bro. Jacob M. Stricker, Installed J. W.; everything passed off in the utmost harmony when the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. Dep. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" Richard Vaux, J. G. Deacon.
" Alfred P. Hesser (Wm. Small), G. Marshal.
" N. B. Moseley, G. Sword Bearer, p. t.

Bro. Alfred Cooper, } G. Stewards.
" C. Bard Reese, }
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" Bayse Newcomb, Samuel H. Perkins, James Page, and A. Bournonville, } P. G. Masters.
" Revs. John Chambers, William Cooper, } G. Chaplains.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Thomas, Graham, Wright, Moseley.
" 3, " Colladay, Bilger, Padmore, Carter, English, Thomson, Webb.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach.
" 19, " Nichols, Hodges, Wilson, Childs, Park, Bishop, Thomas, Haswell, Cooper, Wilson.
" 25, " Downing, Dungan, Scott, Benezet.
" 45, " Adair.
" 51, " Thomson.
" 52, " Ferguson, Wood, Wilson, Pearson, Wilson, Simons, Fitch, Meyers.
" 59, " Adams, Davenport, Neil, Macpherson, Neeson, Jayne, Taylor.
" 67, " Squibb, Baugh, Griffith, Weeks, Reese, Field, Simpson, Hutchinson, Smith, Martien.
" 71, " Jones, Frishmuth, Golden, Bladen, Bambrey, Hutchinson.
" 72, " Jno. H. Brown (late of No. 43), H. M. Phillips, Ashton, Kelly, Thompson, Chase.
" 81, " Fulton.
" 91, " Neal, Brown, Hinchman, S. H. Perkins.
" 114, " Steel, Thomson, Jesse Williamson, Jr., Krider, Thompson, Sharp, Huddell, Clark, Baxter.
" 115, " Heimberger, McCloud, Newcomb, Shultz, Fling, Black, Heylin.
" 121, " See, Campbell, Leviestien, Lennig, Mitchell, Peterson, Vaux.
" 125, " Ziegler, Osner, Steiner, Bournonville, Muckle, Kohn, Remak.

No. 126, Bros. Wetham, Page, Hesser.
" 130, " McGrath, Lescure, Strickland, Brown, Piper, Young, Easby.
" 131, " Miller, Matlack, Price.
" 134, " Roney, Stockton, Klapp, Williamson.
" 152, " Yates.
" 155, " Collins, Clinton.
" 158, " Kugler, Reed, McKinley.
" 186, " Smith, Begley, O'Farrell, Little.
" 187, " Loeser, Wallace.
" 197, " Foulke.
" 211, " Peall, Cartwright.
" 227, " Swartz.
" 230, " Beenken.
" 245, " Carr.
" 246, " Small, Ramsey.
" 271, " Meyer.
" 273, " Worrell, Levering, Palmer, Martin.
" 274, " Goddard.
" 275, " Hyneman.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 106, 138, 143, 144, 153, 156, 199, 218, 220, 221, 222, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 238, 239, 241, 248, 253, 254, 260, 267.

Sixty-three Lodges represented; thirty-seven by members and twenty-six by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Grand Communication, held Dec. 5th, 1853, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of Extra Quarterly Grand Communication, held Dec. 19th, 1853, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held Dec. 27th, 1853, were read and adopted.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and on motion were ordered to be entered and filed:

Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg; No. 22, Sunbury; No. 43, Lancaster; No. 45, Pittsburgh; No. 60, Brownsville; No. 61, Wilkesbarre; No. 62, Reading; No. 81, Germantown; No. 91, Philadelphia; No. 106, Williamsport; No. 108, Towanda; Nos. 121 & 131, Philadelphia; No. 135, Manayunk; No. 138, Orwigsburg; No. 143, Chambersburg; No. 144, Lewisburg; No. 148,

Northumberland; No. 152, Easton; No. 153, Waynesburg; No. 156, Chestnut Level; No. 164, Washington; No. 211, Kensington; No. 190, Norristown; No. 194, Selins Grove; No. 197, Carlisle; No. 199, Lock Haven; No. 203, Lewistown; No. 216, Pottsville; No. 218, Honesdale; No. 219, Pittsburgh; No. 220, Hollidaysburg; No. 221, Pittsburgh; No. 222, Minersville; No. 223, Allegheny City; No. 226, Lebanon; No. 227, Reading; No. 228, Uniontown; No. 229, Rochester; No. 230, Richmond; No. 231, Pittsburgh; No. 233, Pittston; No. 234, Meadville; No. 235, Erie; No. 236, Chester; No. 237, Washington; No. 238, Tamaqua, No. 240, Montrose; No. 241, Warren; No. 242, Mauch Chunk; No. 243, New Castle; No. 245, Doylestown; No. 246, Kensington; No. 247, Covington; No. 249, Carbondale; No. 250, Sharon; No. 251, Mercer; No. 252, Cookstown; No. 254, Pottstown; No. 255, Shamokin; No. 256, Milton; No. 259, Brighton; No. 260, Carlisle; No. 261, Providence; No. 262, Orrstown; No. 263, Skinner's Eddy; No. 264, Columbus; No. 265, Bloomsburg; No. 266, York; No. 267, Tremont; No. 268, Bellefonte; No. 269, Birmingham; No. 271, Philadelphia; No. 272, Butler; No. 273, Radnor; No. 274, West Philadelphia; No. 275, Latrobe; No. 276, Brookville; No. 278, Johnstown; No. 279, Carmichaelstown; No. 282, Hollidaysburg.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 45, at Pittsburgh, appointing Brother Charles Brothers their proxy. On motion the communication was received and Bro. Charles Brothers acknowledged as the proxy for said Lodge.

An application for a new Lodge at Titusville, Crawford County, Pa., was read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for a new Lodge at Albion, Erie County, Pa., was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for a new Lodge in Allegheny City, to work in the German language, was read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was read to revive Lodge No. 165, at Pittsburgh, or in case this was impracticable to grant a new Warrant. Which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following application was read and the request contained therein was on motion duly made and seconded, granted, to wit:

Shekinah Lodge, No. 246,

KENSINGTON, Jany. 27th, 1854.

On motion of P. M. Bro. John G. Michner, and duly seconded by the Wardens of the Lodge, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that this Lodge change its place of meeting to the hall on South 3rd St. providing a room can be had and the consent of the Grand Lodge be obtained.

Resolved, that a Committee of Five including the W. M. be appointed to communicate with the R. W. G. Master and to make all the necessary preparations and arrangements for removal.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the following named Brethren were appointed, viz.: W. M., Bro. John G. Uhle; S. W., W. F. Small; J. W., H. K. Ramsey, and P. M. John G. Michner and Leon Hyneman.

The following alteration to the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 were read and adopted, viz.:

KENSINGTON, Jan. 30th, A. L. 5854.

In case of a suspension of a member for whatever cause, he shall only be reinstated upon his application in writing, which application shall be referred to a Committee as prescribed in Art. IV. of the By-laws.

The following application for the removal of Lodge No. 237 was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, viz.:

At a stated meeting of Chandler Lodge, No. 237, held at the Masonic Hall in Washington on the evening of Dec. 12th, 1853, the following resolution was offered, to wit:

Resolved, that the place of meeting of this Lodge be changed to Beallville, in said county, and that we ask the R. W. Grand Lodge to sanction and approve the same. The resolutions, being seconded by two members, the W. M. being present, was laid over till Monday the 26th of Dec. next following at 2½ o'c., P. M. when all the members were directed to be summoned and notified of the object of the meeting.

Monday, Dec. 26th, 1853, 2½ o'c., P. M. Nearly all of the members being present, the W. M. proceeded to open a Lodge of E. A. M. for the purpose of considering the said resolution after which it appearing that all the members had been summoned and notified of the object of the meeting and the said resolution being under consideration after due deliberation and discussion the question was put on the resolution and it was unanimously adopted.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature and affixed the seal of the said Lodge at Washington the 7th day of Jany., A. D. 1854, A. L. 5854. GEORGE W. MILLER,
Secretary Lodge 237.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 25, 52, 138, and 186. Also copies of the By-laws (revised) of Lodges Nos. 67, 72, 155, 268, 278 and 279. Which were on motion referred to Committee of By-laws.

The following communication was read, viz.:

CARLISLE, Feby. 20th, 1854.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned comes before your R. W. tribunal for redress which you alone can grant.

About two years ago the undersigned made application to become a Mason in Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197. The undersigned was rejected and has reason to believe that this was done by one who was probably swayed by prejudice against him, because the undersigned was at that time not so strict a temperance man as he might have been. The undersigned has reasons to believe that the prejudice against him on that score has now been done away with and being still desirous of becoming a Mason prays that he may be placed again by your R. W. body in the same position as it regards Masonry, which he occupied before his rejection in Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, in order that he may apply anew for the honors of Masonry, which he has reasons to hope will no longer be refused to him and your petitioner will ever pray.

Signed, ——— ———.

The undersigned officers of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, cheerfully recommend the above petition to the favourable con-

sideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. and the petitioner as worthy of the favor he asks.

Signed, JACOB BAUGHMAN, *W. M.*
WILLIAM W. DALE, *S. W.*
GEORGE WEISE, *J. W.*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was *resolved*, that the applicant be permitted to apply again to Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, for Initiation and Membership.

A communication was read from Bro. James M. Porter and others a Committee of Easton Lodge, No. 152, in relation to a report of the Committee of By-laws made some time since. Which was on motion referred to the Committee of By-laws.

A Special Return from Lodge No. 3, Philada., was read and ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return was read from Lafayette Lodge, No. 71. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read from Lodge No. 220 and ordered to be entered and filed:

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Jan. 9th, 1854.

To the R. W. Grand Sec. Grand Lodge of Pa.

Agreeably to instructions I herewith send you a copy of a resolution adopted at the regular Stated Meeting of Portage Lodge, No. 220, held in Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Penna., Jan. 3d, 1854.

Resolved, that Bro. —— —— be suspended from all rights and privileges in this Lodge for unmasonic conduct.

Signed, R. S. MARTIN,
Sec.

The following communication and report from the Trustees of the Sinking Fund were read and on motion were ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

THURSDAY, PHILADA., January 19th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge of Penna. was held in the Masonic Hall, South 3d Street.

Present: Samuel H. Perkins, President; John Thomson,

Treas.; William H. Adams, Sec.; James Hutchinson, Peter Williamson, John K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, Thomas E. Baxter.

The Minutes of the previous Stated and Adjourned Meetings were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented the two following accounts which were on motion directed to be spread upon the Minutes of the Trustees and the Secretary directed to furnish a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge, to enable that body to see that the labors of the Trustees were at an end and the Sinking Fund closed up. Also, that the Trustees, who were mortgagees of the property mortgaged as security therefor, had duly entered satisfaction on the record of said mortgages at the proper offices. On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, to wit: WHEREAS, the whole amount of loan secured by the various mortgages prior to the year 1853 upon the property of the Grand Lodge of Penna. situated on the north side of Chestnut Street between 7th and 8th in the City of Philada. has been fully paid and satisfied and certificates surrendered and cancelled therefore *resolved*, that Samuel H. Perkins, Chairman of the Sinking Fund is hereby authorized and directed to enter satisfaction on the records of the said mortgages.

Extract from the Minutes of the Trustees.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Sec.

SINKING FUND OF GRAND LODGE IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN THOMSON, TREASR.

DR.

1853.		
Dec. 17,	To Cash paid Trustees Girard Bequest, 254 Certif. Masonic Loan.....	$25,400 00
29,	To Cash paid Trustees of the New Loan for 102 Certificates of Old Masonic Loans	10,200 00
		$35,600 00

1853.	Cr.		
Dec. 17,	By Balance		$87 39
	" Sale of the followings loans to Trustees of Girard Bequest:		
	$500 Kensington 6 p. cost.	$4,808 75	
	$2,000 Pittsburg M. Loan..	2,000 00	
	$4,300 Southwark 5 p. cts..	3,720 25	
	$7,700 do. 6 do. .	7,700 00	
	$2,000 City	2,080 00	
	$1,000 Spring Garden do..	1,000 00	
			21,309 00
"	Cash from Grand Lodge		4,091 00
"	do. " Trustees New Loan		10,112 61
			$35,600 00

Recapitulation.

244 Shares purchased as per former report.
254 do. do. as above report.
102 do. do. do.

Makes 600 Shares in all.

Recapitulation and proof of accounts rendered by John Thomson, Treasurer of Sinking Fund.

Masonic Loan purchased as per a/c rendered Dec. 31st, 1847	$6,400 00
Interest paid on Mason Loan as per a/c rendered Dec. 31st, 1847	40 67
Masonic Loan purchased as per a/c rendered Sept. 25th, 1849	2,800 00
Masonic Loan purchased March 26th, 1852	8,600 00
Interest paid March 26th, 1852	50 45
Other Loans purchased	11,474 00
Masonic Loan do. Dec. 16th, 1852	500 00
Other Loans purchased Dec. 16th, 1852	9,855 00
Gas Loan purchased as per a/c rend. Dec. 17th, 1853,	2,067 79
Masonic Loans do. " 29th, "	35,600 00
Total	$77,387 91

Cash received as per					
	a/c rendered		Dec. 31st, 1847...	$6,440 67	
"	do.	"	Sep. 25th, 1849...	2,800 00	
"	"	"	Mar. 26th, 1852...	20,676 84	
"	"	"	Dec. 16th, 1852...	9,710 24	
"	"	"	" 17th, 1853...	2,247 55	
"	"	"	" 29th, 1853...	35,512 61	
					$77,387 91

To the Right W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge of Penna. beg leave respectfully to report,

That they have the pleasure to announce that their labors are completed and that the old debts of the Grand Lodge have all been paid and the certificates of loan have all been surrendeed and cancelled and satisfaction entered upon the mortgages given to secure the different loans. In closing their labors they may be permitted to congratulate the Brethren on the fidelity and skill with which the finances of the Grand Lodge appear to have been managed, by which the credit of the Grand Lodge was fully sustained during the fearful pecuniary crisis, which prostrated not only individuals, but our banks and savings institutions. It is believed that during a period of more than thirty years this Grand Lodge never in a single instance failed to meet the interest on her loans and so highly were her certificates appreciated that, in many instances, the holders were unwilling to surrender them for payment, alleging they were the only securities that had never disappointed them. On payment of the certificates your Trustees had them severally transferred to themselves as Trustees of the Sinking Fund and carefully compared each of them with the stock book and numbers issued, examined the numbers and finding them correct, cancelled them so that by no possibility can they be used, and filed them so cancelled among the archives of the Grand Lodge. For a full enumeration of each certificate its number and date they beg leave to refer to the Transfer Book of Masonic Loans No. 2.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Sec.*

MARCH 6th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

The following report was read and on motion of P. G. M. Bro. Anthony Bournonville the report was received and the Committee discharged, to wit:

To James Hutchinson, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the account of Minersville Lodge, No. 222, with the Grand Lodge and to ascertain and report all the facts relative thereto, most respectfully report, that from the facts elicited before them it appears that Minersville Lodge, No. 222, has paid to the Grand Lodge since the year 1849, the following amounts, to wit:

In the year 1849, $54.00, 1850, $40.00, 1851, $60.00, 1852, $95.00, 1853, $80.00, and for the special facts relative thereto the Committee beg leave to refer to the Minutes and exhibits hereunto annexed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed, GUSTAVUS REMAK,
EDWARD P. LESCURE,
WILLIAM ENGLISH,
Committee.

The Minutes of the Committee were read by the Chairman, Brother Gustavus Remak, when P. G. M. Bro. James Page offered the following resolutions, to wit:

First.—Resolved, that the testimony submitted to this Grand Lodge fully establishes the facts that the dues of Minersville Lodge, No. 222, for 1849, '50 and '51 were promptly transmitted by its proper officers to the R. W. G. S. and actually received by him at the times alleged and that the said Minersville Lodge has not been in default in either case.

Second.—Resolved, that the misunderstanding and difficulty in regard to these credits have resulted from neglect and carelessness in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Third.—Resolved, that Minersville Lodge is entitled to be credited in account with ninety-five dollars, the dues for the year 1852, the same having been sent by mail the usual and sanctioned mode of making such remittances to the Grand Lodge, altho' the money was not received along with the returns, but was abstracted and lost.

Fourth.—Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to allow such credit and that he also furnish a copy of these resolutions properly attested to said Minersville Lodge.

On motion the foregoing resolutions were taken up separately and acted upon, viz.:

Resolution No. 1 was again read and adopted.

On the second resolution the votes stood equally divided, when the R. W. Grand Master Bro. James Hutchinson, gave the casting vote in favor of the resolution. Just at this time it was asserted that a Brother had voted without being entitled to do so in favor of the resolution, this was communicated to the Grand Master at the time, but did not change the result.

The third resolution was again read and adopted.

The fourth resolution was again read and was amended by striking out the word "these" and inserting the "first and third" and as adopted reads as follows:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Sec'ty be directed to allow such credit and that he also furnish a copy of the first and third resolutions, properly attested, to said Minersville Lodge.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz.:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have endeavored to discharge the duties entrusted to them to the best of their abilities and submit the following as the result of their labors.

They have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer for the fourth quarter of 1853 and find them to be correct and as follows:

Bal. on hand Octo. 1st, 1853	$6,689 04
Receipts for the quarter	3,095 49
Total	$9,784 53
Expenditures for the quarter	7,006 67
Jan. 1st, 1854, Balance	$2,777 86

According to the Ahiman Rezon the Committee are required to report to the Grand Lodge, on the first Monday in December

annually, an estimate of the probable disbursements for the ensuing year with a statement of the Sinking Fund and the debts due to and by the Grand Lodge and such other matters as may be necessary to a correct view of its finances. Unfortunately this law has not been acted on for a number of years, not in fact since the state of the finances of the Grand Lodge were so low that a report upon the subject was rather distasteful than otherwise to the members. Your Committee are however determined to revive the ancient usages of the Craft and be guided by the laws of the Order, as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon. Their first duty was therefore to supply the omission of the annual report called for in December last and they do it by submitting this in its stead at the earliest subsequent opportunity.

The probable disbursements of the Grand Lodge for 1854 (independent of interest on loans) will be as follows:

Salaries Grd. Secretary	$1,250 00	
" " Treasurer	200 00	
" " Tyler	200 00	
		$1,650 00
Hall Committee.		
Gas	$320 00	
Taxes 3d St. Hall	204 75	
Coal	100 00	
Water rent	10 00	
Incidentals	230 25	
		865 00
Grand Master.		
Constituting new Lodge, Grand Visitations, &c., &c., generally average about		250 00
Grand Secretary.		
Printing proceedings of the Grand Lodge	$200 00	
Printing notices, &c.	50 00	
Writing and framing resolutions, &c.	40 00	
Postage and stationery	50 00	
		340 00

Grand Treasurer.

Taxes and water rent on Chestnut St. property	$720 00	
Postage and stationery	30 00	
		$750 00
Total		$3,855 00

The Committee can make no report in regard to the Sinking Fund as by the terms of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge at its Grand Communication, held Dec. 20th, 1852, that Fund was appropriated towards paying off the debts of the Grand Lodge then existing. The Committee was not able to obtain the amount of debts due to the Grand Lodge, but will endeavor to furnish it on a future occasion.

The debts due by the Grand Lodge are first the loan of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, created for the erection of the New Hall and of which only $59,540.00 has as yet been taken.

2nd. The mortgage of $5,500 against the Third Street Hall. The Committtee have not included the interest of these loans in the estimated disbursements of the Grand Lodge, because of the uncertainty of the amount required for interest on the New Masonic Loan until the whole amount is taken.

The estimated receipts of the Grand Lodge for the year 1854 are as follows:

From Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c.	$19,000 00
" 80 dispensations to E. P. and Raise	800 00
" 110 do. to Pass the Chair	550 00
" 90 Grand Lodge Certificates	180 00
" Rents, cellar and agricultural room	225 00
Total	$20,755 00

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that the total estimated receipts for the year 1854 are	$20,755 00
And total estimated expenditures	3,855 00
Leaving a surplus of	$16,900 00

Of this surplus at least *$5,850* will be required for interest on the before mentioned loan and mortgage.

The Committee now recommend the adoption of the following resolutions and in the performance of their duties, as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon, they will hereafter require that all bills, to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, shall pass under the supervision of the Chairman of the Committee of Finance, before being paid by the Grand Treasurer as one of the constitutional checks, against extravagant expenditure, and also to prevent the different disbursing officers from exceeding the amount of their respective appropriations.

No. 1. *Resolved*, that the following appropriations be made towards the ordinary expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year 1854, to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge as they may be required and the Grand Treasurer is hereby instructed to keep the accounts of each appropriation separate and distinct.

For	Salaries of Officers		$1,650 00
"	Expenditures of Hall Committee		865 00
"	do.	Grand Master	250 00
"	do.	Grand Secretary	340 00
"	do.	Grand Treasurer	750 00

No. 2. Also *resolved*, that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New Masonic Loan be authorized to draw his drafts upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount of interest that may occur upon the New Masonic Hall and the mortgage upon the 3rd Street property.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, George Smith,
Daniel Thompson,
F. Blackburne.

The first resolution was again read and adopted.

The second resolution was also read and on motion duly made and seconded, was recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The following report from the Committee of By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of By-laws report, that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 25, 52 and 186 be approved.

That from the first section of Art. IV. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 67 the words "any two of whom" be stricken out and the word "who" substituted. That to Art. VI. of said By-laws be added the words "provided that in cases of expulsion, the permission of restoration be first obtained from the Grand Lodge." And that said By-laws be then approved.

That from the last clause of Art. XV. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 72 providing for alterations of said By-laws the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the words "a majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 138 be approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 155 be approved.

That from Article XI. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 268 providing for the appointment of a Committee of Enquiry on the application for Membership of a Brother, that the word "two" the number provided in said By-laws for said Committee be stricken out and the word three substituted. That to Sec. 1st of Art. XIII. of said By-laws providing in very broad terms for the settlement of private difference by the Lodge, be added the following "provided nevertheless that the Lodge shall not take cognizance of any matter involving only a pecuniary indebtedness of a Member, unconnected with any charge of fraud or false pretence, and that said By-laws be then approved.

That from Sec. XIV. of the By-laws of No. 278 all after the words "the first Stated Meeting in Dec." be stricken out and the following substituted "He may be suspended or expelled after having been properly notified of his said indebtedness should he still neglect or refuse payment." That from Sec. 21 the words "and in all cases of expulsion ⅔ of the members present are necessary to concur" be stricken out. That from Sec. 23d providing for the alteration of said By-laws the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the word "majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That Sec. 1st of Art. IV. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 279 be stricken out and the following substituted: "No person shall

be admitted as a Member of this Lodge who does not possess the qualifications and conform himself to the requirements set forth in the Constitution and Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penna." That from Sec. 2d same Article, all after the words "and if unanimously elected he shall be Initiated" be stricken out. That from Sec. 3d of same Article all after the words "shall be forfeited to the Lodge" be stricken out. That from Sec. 2d of Article VI. the words "Five dollars of which shall accompany the application for each degree" be stricken out. That to Sec. 1st of Article X. be added the following "provided nevertheless that the Lodge shall not take cognizance of any matters involving only a pecuniary indebtedness of a Member, unconnected with any charge of fraud or false pretence." That from Article XII. the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the words "a majority" substituted. And that said By-laws be then approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Committee of By-laws.

The following report was read and on motion the consideration was postponed until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Bro. —— —— in relation to his nonadvancement in Lodge No. 114 beg leave to report,

That they have found the facts as set forth in said communication substantially correct, to wit: That he applied for Initiation and Membership in said Lodge and, after the accustomed enquiries, balloted for, approved and Initiated, that subsequent to his Initiation a protest was entered against his advancement by a Brother of the Lodge and that a Committee was appointed to enquire into his case and report thereon, said Committee reported that they could not recommend the Brother to further advancement; the Lodge refused to accept the report of the Committee and passed a resolution directing the Secretary to give him notice to attend at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge for advancement. By direction of the W. M. this notice was not given to the complainant and in this emergency

he appeals to the Grand Lodge. It may be here stated on behalf of the W. M. that his impression was, that it required the unanimous voice of the Lodge for advancement hence his instructions to the Secretary. Your Committee after having given the subject all the consideration its importance demands are unanimous in their opinion that after an applicant for Initiation and Membership has been approved and Initiated he is a Member and as such entitled to his remaining degrees unless objected to and charges preferred against him in the open Lodge. Notice of these charges if practicable is to be given to the applicant, the Lodge may act on the charges directly or refer them to a Committee to enquire and report at the earliest Stated Meeting possible. If referred the Lodge is to be notified of the time when the report of the Committee will be acted upon. A majority of the Members present shall decide whether the objections have been sustained. If a majority decide that the objections have not been sustained, the Lodge will proceed to advance the applicant. The broad principle being unanimity before Initiation and a majority to govern in all matters concerning a Brother afterwards. In accordance with the foregoing views your Committee offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that Lodge No. 114 be instructed to confer the remaining degrees upon Bro. —— —— unless they shall, for good and sufficient cause shown, rescind the resolution to do so already adopted by them.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, John Thomson,
J. A. Phillips,
Anthony E. Stocker,
Committee.

Mar. 6th, 1854.

On motion of Brother Anthony E. Stocker and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, that certain matters connected with the Fellow-Craft's Degree be referred to the Committee on Landmarks with a request that they report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge if possible.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visiting Brethren: Bros. Benj. Masters, No. 19; Jos. Stackhouse, Thos. C. Headley, No. 25; Jas. Herdman, No. 45; Jas. B. McCauley, Wm. Thomson, No. 51;

Geo. B. Cloak, Jacob P. Wilson, No. 114; John Blaise, Fred. Kungle, No. 125; Isaac Livingston, No. 197; Jos. W. Cowan, No. 274; Henry Eager, No. 361, Halifax; C. Kull, No. 36, Ohio.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 11 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 3d, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication, held in the Masonic Hall, South Third Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" William Leach, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" Richard Vaux, J. G. do.
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Laudenslager, G. Sword Bearer.
" Charles Bard Reese and Alfred Cooper, } G. Stewards.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" John Chambers, G. Chaplain.
" James Page, Peter Fritz, and Anthony Bournonville, P. G. Masters

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Thomas, Graham, Moseley.
" 3, " Padmore, Bilger, Skerrett, English, Thomson.
" 9, " Thorp, Leach, Brothers, Henderson.
" 19, " Cummings, Childs, Thomas, Karrick, Bradley, Cooper, Nichols.
" 25, " Benezet.

No. 51, Bros. Howell, Workman, Thomson.
" 52, " Pearson, Wilson, Ferguson, Fitch, Smith.
" 59, " Adams, Neeson, Taylor, Macpherson.
" 67, " Jas. and Jos. Hutchinson, Montgomery, Weeks, Simpson, Laudenslager, Squibb, Baugh, Reese, Fields.
" 71, " Jones, Bambrey.
" 72, " Ashton, Thompson, H. M. Phillips.
" 91, " Casey, Hinchman, Swain, Hutchinson.
" 114, " Thompson, Thomson, Huddell, Sharp, Baxter, Clark.
" 115, " Heylin, Wallace.
" 121, " Vaux, Smith, Peterson, Lennig.
" 125, " Bournonville, Ziegler, Osner, Kohn, Steiner, Remak.
" 126, " Simpson, Hesser.
" 130, " Easby, McGrath, Lescure, Riley, Strickland, Gilbert, Sleeper.
" 131, " Price, Moore.
" 134, " Stocker, Williamson, Roney.
" 155, " Martin, Fritz.
" 158, " Richards.
" 186, " O'Farrell, Lewis, Bigley.
" 187, " Loeser.
" 211, " Hall.
" 230, " Taylor.
" 246, " Uhle.
" 271, " Reinstrom, Thomas.
" 274, " Goddard.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 60, 62, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 156, 163, 199, 218, 219, 220, 222, 226, 233, 234, 244, 253, 254, 267.

Fifty-one Lodges represented; twenty-nine by members and twenty-two by Lodges.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had called this meeting of the Grand Lodge to proceed with any unfinished business.

The report of the Committee on the case of —— ——, made at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, was read and it appearing that there was a difference of opinion in relation to whether it was to come up at this Extra Communication, or

to lie over to the next Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge. On motion of Bro. Gustavus Remak and duly seconded, it was *resolved*, that the further discussion be postponed until the Quarterly Communication in June next. It was so ordered.

The report of the Committee on the mode of keeping the accounts and changes in the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge made Sept. 5th, 1853, was called and on motion duly made and seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to have it printed and each member of the Grand Lodge furnished with a copy.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 267 and 281 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, A. Y. M.

We the undersigned Master, Officers and Brethren of Cassia Lodge, No. 273, respectfully represent to your honorable body that the probability of the revival of the Charter and the reinstatement of the suspended Lodge formerly known as the Farmer's Lodge at Tredyffrin, Chester county, Pa., having recently come to our knowledge we take this early opportunity to protest most earnestly against its resuscitation for the following reasons: First, that the intended location of the aforesaid Lodge at the Spread Eagle Hotel will be detrimental to the prosperity of Cassia Lodge, No. 273, which we represent; as the Spread Eagle is in the immediate vicinity of our present location.

Second, that the country, in which we are located, is not sufficiently populous to demand and support at the present time two Lodges, if proper discrimination and care is used in the reception of candidates for Initiation and Membership.

Third, that the institution of another Lodge amongst us at the present time will excite a spirit of rivalry that will disturb that fraternal harmony that should ever exist among and characterize Masons.

Fourth, that we most truly and firmly believe that the reconstitution of said Lodge would be fatal to both and that the Grand Lodge will be under the necessity in a short time of recalling both Charters.

We therefore most respectfully, but earnestly, remonstrate against the revival of said Charter, and humbly trust that the kind hand that called us into being, so recently, will not be the first to weaken and destroy the fair prospects we now so confidently entertain of our future prosperity and success and perhaps strike a death blow at our very existence.

At the same time we most cordially invite the Brethren petitioning, to unite with us feeling that such a course would not only cement us in the bonds of brotherly love and harmony, but would at the same time advance and elevate the character of our time honored Institution among us.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

J. H. Levering, W. M.; Edward J. Lowman, S. W.; George Palmer, J. W.; Elisha Worrell, Richard Martin, William H. Kelly, E. S. Barber, J. L. Worrall, James Clark, Daniel Veneider.

Attest: B. S. Garrigues, Sec.

The following communication (per telegraph) was read:

PITTSBURG, Mar. 6th, 1854.

To George K. Childs, Esq.

In a few days I will send you an order for the Silver Tea Service to be presented to Brother Samuel McKinley.

We have upwards of five hundred dollars subscribed and we expect from the Grand Lodge or its members one hundred dollars more. Seven years devoted service deserves, and should command, this much from the Grand Lodge which meets to-night. Will you be good enough to present the facts for action to-night and report to me in the morning.

Respectfully yours,

Signed, JAMES P. GLASS.

The following report from the Committee of By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend, that the words "Any two of whom" be stricken from

Article III. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 267 and the word "who" substituted therefor. That the words "to the Secretary who shall report it to the Master" be stricken from Article IV. and that the said By-laws be then approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 281 be approved.

Signed, ROBERT FRAZER,
WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Com.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut stating that they are about erecting a monument in honor of Brother David Wooster, who was the first Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that State and that the monument is to be erected at Danbury, Conn. That the ceremony of laying the corner stone will take place on the 27th day of April next and that Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. and the fraternity are invited to be present on the occasion.

Signed by DAVID CLARK, *G. M.*
E. G. STORER, *G. Sec.*

After some discussion the foregoing invitation was referred to the Grand Master to reply.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, resolution No. 2 offered at last meeting of the Grand Lodge by P. G. Master Bro. James Page was reconsidered. Said resolution was then called for and read. After considerable discussion in which Bros. Page, Remak, Lescure, Riley and Cartwright took part and during which time Bro. Thomson read a defence. Upon the resolution being put it appeared to be lost. A division was called for, when it was reported that twenty-three voted for and forty odd voted against the resolution. The R. W. Grand Master declared the motion as lost.

The subject of a Grand Lecturer was called up, but on account of the lateness of the hour the discussion was postponed until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted during the evening as visitors, to wit: Wm. Burton, No. 2; Wm. Thomson and Jas. B. McCauley, No. 51; Thos. Sinnexon, No. 59; Geo. B. Stout, H. R. Wilson, No. 114; Thos. Y. Field, No. 115; Geo. W. Hall, No. 121;

Francis Gibbons and Thos. J. Miles, No. 131; L. R. Conrad, No. 158; H. A. Piersal, No. 186; Jos. J. Hanly, No. 4, N. J.

The Grand Lodge then closed at ½ past ten o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1st, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication, held in Bristol.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" Gustavus Remak, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" J. P. Wilson Neil, Dep. G. Sec.
" Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon.
" Charles Bard Reese, J. G. Deacon.
" Alfred Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Laudenslager, G. Sword Bearer.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" Alfred Cooper, } G. Stewards.
" James W. Martien, }
" James Page, } P. G. Masters.
" Anthony Bournonville, }
" William Whitney, }
" J. L. Burrows, } G. Chaplains.
" R. Desha Morris, }
" William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.
" John G. Sharp, Assistant do.

Twenty-nine Lodges represented as follows, to wit: Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 230, 135 and 246.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 12 o'clock M. (high noon) in the Master Mason's degree.

The floor cloth was placed in the center of the room with three lights and three vessels containing corn, wine and oil.

A Bible, Square and Compass were on the Pedestal, also the Book of Constitutions.

A prayer was offered up, when the Secretary of Bristol Lodge stated to the Grand Master that the architect desired to return the implements intrusted to his care at the laying of the corner stone, this being done an ode was sung by the Choir composed of Bros. Cunnington, Haswell, and Emmerick.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the members of Bristol Lodge to have their New Temple dedicated to God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and to Masonry generally, according to ancient custom.

The first procession was made, the G. M. then strewed corn on the Lodge and in the name of the Supreme Architect declared the Hall dedicated to Freemasonry.

The second procession poured wine and declared the Hall dedicated to religion, virtue and science.

The third procession poured oil and declared the Hall dedicated to universal charity and benevolence.

The invocations were made by the Grand Chaplain Bro. John L. Burrows, assisted by the music.

The Grand Marshal made the several proclamations.

Addresses were made by Past Grand Masters Bros. James Page and Bournonville a reply was made by Bro. Scott the Master of the Lodge in a feeling and happy manner, which was kindly received.

Previous to closing a handsome gold watch was presented to Bro. Daniel M. Keim, the Secretary of Bristol Lodge, for his care and attention to the welfare of his Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at 2 o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Note.—May 1st, 1854, about 250 of the Masonic Fraternity visited Bristol, per the Steamboat Thomas A. Morgan, to participate in the ceremonies of dedicating the New Hall at Bristol. On their arrival they proceeded to the Baptist Church, where Bro. Burrows delivered a very eloquent address to the Fraternity as well as the citizens of the place, after which the Fraternity proceeded to the Hall.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Masonic Hall, South Third Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M., p. t.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. T.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" W. H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" William Leach, J. G. Deacon, p. t.
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" William Carr, G. Sword Bearer, p. t.
" Joseph Moore, G. Steward, p. t.
" Chas. Bard Reese, G. do.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" James Page, Anth. Bournonville, Peter Fritz and W. Whitney, R. W. P. Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Graham, Moseley.
" 3, " Padmore, Bilger, Meteer.
" 9, " Leach, Henderson, Kelly, Brothers.
" 19, " Hodges, Haswell, Nichols, Cummings, Karrick.
" 22, " Welker.
" 25, " Benezet, Dungan.
" 51, " Thomson, Howell, Whitney, Shippen.
" 52, " Ferguson, Wilson, Peirson.
" 59, " Macpherson, Neeson, Adams, Jayne.
" 67, " Baugh, Jas. Hutchinson, Martien, Griffith, Weeks, Montgomery, Squibb, Reese.
" 71, " Frishmuth, Van Collem.
" 72, " J. A. and H. Phillips, Thompson, Ashton, Brown.
" 91, " Hinchman, S. H. Perkins, Perkins, Brown, Manning.
" 114, " Huddell, Clark, Baxter.

No. 115, Bros. Heimberger, Wallis, Black.
" 121, " See, Peterson.
" 125, " Osner, Bournonville, Remak.
" 126, " Nesbit, Hesser, Page.
" 130, " Easby, Riley, Piper, Strickland.
" 131, " Moore.
" 134, " Roney, Stocker.
" 155, " Martin, Allen.
" 158, " Oliver, Shields, McKinley.
" 186, " Smith, O'Farrell, Lewis, Bigley.
" 187, " Bell.
" 211, " Page, Cartwright, Peall.
" 230, " Bunker.
" 245, " Carr.
" 246, " Uhle.
" 251, " Mayer.
" 274, " Goddard.

Proxies: Nos. 45, 138, 143, 144, 148, 199, 218, 219, 221, 222, 226, 233, 238, 239, 244, 253, 254, 259, 267, 276.

Fifty Lodges represented; thirty by members and twenty by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication held March 6th, 1854, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Extra Communication held April 3d, 1854, were read and approved.

Copies of the revised By-laws of Lodges Nos. 52, 238, 280, 283 and 286; also the amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 9, 126, 237 and 246 were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication from Lodge No. 252 was read appointing Bro. James L. Bugh of Lodge No. 228 their proxy. On motion the communication was received, ordered to be filed and Bro. James L. Bugh acknowledged as the proxy of said Lodge.

A communication from Lodge No. 238 was read appointing Bro. John G. Sharp of Lodge No. 114 their proxy. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was received, ordered to be filed and Bro. John G. Sharp acknowledged as the proxy of Lodge No. 238.

A similar communication was read from Lodge No. 276 appointing Bro. George F. Lewis their proxy. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. George F. Lewis of Lodge No. 186 was duly acknowledged as their proxy and the communication ordered to be filed.

A Special Return was read from Lodge No. 114. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return from Lodge No. 121 was read. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return from Lodge No. 125. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return was read from Lodge No. 126. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return was read from Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return was read from Lodge No. 115. On motion the foregoing was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Mr. —— —— setting forth that he had applied for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 115 and that he had been rejected and thinks unjustly, therefore asks that a Committee be appointed to investigate the subject and take such action as may be deemed expedient.

Signed, —— ——.

On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing appeal was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. William English, William Conrad and J. A. Phillips said Committee.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 115 asking for a dispensation to elect, at their next stated meeting, a Senior Warden and if necessary a Junior Warden. On motion the foregoing was granted on application being made to the R. W. Grand Master.

A communication was read from Solomon's Lodge, No. 114. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petition was granted.

A communication from a number of the Brethren of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, in behalf of —— —— was read, setting forth that the applicant had been rejected and praying that the Grand Lodge revise the rejection and place the said ——

—— where he stood previous to his application for Initiation and Membership. On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. P. G. Master Anthony Bournonville, D. C. Skerrett and Charles Brothers on said Committees. Bro. Bournonville declined acting when Bro. G. Remak was appointed.

An application for a new Lodge at Oceola, Tioga Co., Pa., was read, also one Lawrenceville, Tioga Co., Pa.; also one from West Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.; also one from Coudersport, Potter Co., Pa.; also one for the City of Philadelphia; also one from Scranton, Luzerne Co., Pa. On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing applications were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received from Bro. Ardemess Stewart, late Secretary, seven velvet collars, one pair compasses, one square, one level, one plumb, one cross keys, one scroll and pens, two triangles, also one pair of compasses, 2 squares, one level, all of silver. Belonging to the Lodge No. 136 formerly held at Abington, Montgomery County, Pa. Also the Warrant of said Lodge and four blank books. On motion the communication was received and filed.

The following communication was read, to wit:

PHILA., May 18th, 1854.

At a Stated Meeting of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, held this evening at the Hall So. 3d St., on motion of Bro. Joshua Speering and duly seconded, it was *resolved*, that this Lodge apply to the R. W. G. Lodge at the next Quarterly Grand Communication for permission to dispense with the usual Stated Meetings in the months of July and August next and that the Sec. be directed to make the application in due time.

Extract from the Minutes.

EDWIN T. CHASE,
Sec.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that any Lodge under this Jurisdiction meeting in the Hall South Third Street may, at their option, suspend their

meetings and labors in the month of July next and it is directed not to meet in the month of August next.

The report of the Committee in the case of Bro. —— ——, made at the Quarterly Communication in March last was again called up and read. Bro. Jas. Page moved that the resolution which reads as follows be adopted: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 114 be instructed to confer the remaining degrees upon —— ——, unless they shall for good reasons rescind the resolution to do so already adopted by them. A division was called for and the votes being counted stood as follows: Yeas 21, Nays 28, the R. W. Grand Master decided the resolution as lost.

The Committee on Landmarks made a verbal report and on motion were continued.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report which was received and the resolution thereto attached was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report,

That they have received from interest and dividends on investments since the last report dated June 3d, 1853, the sum of		$2,074 50
To which add balance in bank at that date as per their report		2,355 67
Also proceeds of certificates of $3,000 U. S. sixes of 1867 paid off by the United States		3,643 92
		$8,074 09
Of the above sum the Tustees have paid on orders of the R. W. Grand Masters for the use of the Committee of Charity the sum of	$2,000 00	
School and County tax on investment of sixty-five hundred dollars	45 50	
Cash paid for Certificate No. 3 of four thousand in Southwark Loan of 1885	3,720 00	
Cash paid for Certificate No. 44 of $1,000 in New M. Loans	1,000 00	
		6,765 50
		$1,308 59

Balance in bank June 1st, 1854, to the credit of the Bequest say of one thousand three hundred and eight dollars 59/100.

Very important changes have been made in the securities of the Trust since the last report.

The two hundred and fifty four shares in the old Masonic Loan held by the Trustees have been sold to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund at par and surrendered and cancelled and with the proceeds the Trustees of this Bequest purchased Certificate No. 29 of twenty-five thousand four hundred dollars in the new Masonic Loan.

They have also since their last report invested the proceeds of the State fives then in bank in certificate No. 44 of one thousand dollars in the new Masonic Loan.

The certificate of three thousand dolls. U. S. Sixes has been paid off and the proceeds invested in certificate No. 3 of $4000 of Southwark Loan.

The investments of the Bequest are as follows:

Certificate No. 29 in Grand Lodge of Penna. Loan..	$25,400	00
do. No. 44	1,000	00
do. No. 59 Kensington 6 per ct. Water works,	4,000	00
do. No. 159 Spring Garden 6 per cent. loan.	2,500	00
do. No. 3 Southwark Loan	4,000	00
	$36,900	00
Bal. in bank to credit of Bequest.....	1,308	59
	$38,208	59

Say thirty-eight thousand two hundred and eight dollars fifty-nine cents $38,208.59 as the par value of the securities and cash on hand.

This gratifying result is not owing to any lessening of the amount appropriated in Charity, for we have given $2,000 per annum for years past, but arises from the judicious investments, so that securities when paid off have realized much more than cost and reinvestments have been made below par and the gradual accumulation of interest on such increase.

In view of the productive character of the investments the Trustees are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge can safely

appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1st, 1855.

The Trustees therefore submit the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, PETER WILLIAMSON,
ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, GEORGE D. HASWELL,
Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

The following report was read and on motion was received and ordered to be filed, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Building Committee of the New Hall in Chestnut Street respectfully report, that since their last report the building has been progressing as fast as prudence will warrant its peculiar construction in cross walls, arches, etc., requiring for strength and solidity that the work should have time to harden and be firmly cemented before the upper portions are raised and finished.

The groin arches, forming the ceilings for the stores, are completed; they exhibit every appearance of strength and are thoroughly fire proof.

The rear half of the building will be ready to receive the corrugated iron roof, also in readiness in the course of a few days. The carpenters and plasterers will then be enabled to proceed rapidly with their contracts and it is believed that the front portion of the building will be nearly, if not quite, ready for roofing soon as that work is done on the rear building.

The Blue Lodge Room will probably be ready for the carpenter work in the early part of July.

It is suggested that the Grand Lodge should recommend the subordinate Lodges to hold no meetings in the month of August, that an opportunity may be given to remove the pillars and architectural ornaments of the present Grand Lodge Room into the new Blue Lodge Room, the former however still to be kept in good working order for the use of the Craft until the new Hall is entirely completed.

So far the Committee have paid about $40,000 for work and material and with one or two exceptions, not of sufficient importance to be noticed, the contractors have pretty faithfully adhered to their engagements.

The Committee believe they will be able to accomplish all that can properly be required of them under their trust, within the limit of expenditures fixed by the said Grand Lodge.

It is their determination however not to exceed it.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE,
For Building Committee.

JUNE 5th, 1854.

The following report was read when on motion duly made and seconded, was accepted and the Committee discharged.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN,—We have investigated the facts set forth in the appeal of —— —— made to the Grand Lodge of Pa. and on which we were requested to report and submit the following as the conclusion to which we have arrived.

First.—That the proof of the charge made against him and which caused his expulsion was full and adequate and that there are no grounds for disturbing the action of Lodge No. 45.

Second.—That —— —— was duly notified of the charge both in writing and orally and that he was at the Masonic Hall at the time of the assembling of the Committee of Investigation and promised to attend and then upon some false pretense made to the Tyler withdrew himself, leaving the whole matter in the hands of Bro. Hoon who had charge of his defense.

Third.—That he might have been absent at the time of his charge and expulsion, but that between the one and the other he was at home, was fully informed of the proceedings against him and promised to attend. Whether he was absent on necessary business does not appear, he was duly informed of his expulsion from the Order and whether he returned to Pittsburg perfectly unconscious of it or not, is not a matter of any importance, the subject matter of this point as made by —— —— is so palpably an evasion, that it needs no further act of the Committee.

The fourth and fifth suggestions of —— —— have no reference to the affair for which he was expelled and we have not entered into their investigation.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES S. HOON,
CHANDLER SHALER,
ALEXANDER TINDLE,
Committee.

The following report in the case of —— —— was read.

On motion the Committee was discharged and the subject indefinitely postponed, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN,—By request we have reviewed the case of —— —— and proceed to reply to the enquiries submitted to us. That altho' we decreed —— —— guilty of unmasonic conduct in his frequently falsifying to Bro. —— in relation to the purchase of goods made by him and his family of Bro. —— and in relation to means of payment and ability, of discharging his liabilities yet there is nothing in the evidence before as to satisfy us that Bro. —— obtained credit of Bro. —— under any Masonic pledge, or that he has violated any special Masonic obligation in not discharging the debt to Bro. ——.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, S. MCKINLY, CHANDLER,
SHALER AND A. TYNDLE,
Committee.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 9 be approved.

That the words "two thirds" be stricken from Art. XII. of

the By-laws of Lodge No. 52 and the words "a majority" substituted therefor and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 126 be approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 238 be approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 be approved.

That Sectn. 1 of Art. VI. be stricken from the By-laws of Lodge No. 280 and the following substituted:

Sectn. 1. The fees for conferring degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, to wit:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation...$15 00
" Initiation and Membership 15 00

For the admission of Brethren from other Lodges as follows:

For the admission of an E. A. $10 00
" " " F. C. 5 00
" " " M. M. 5 00

That Sect. 4 of the same article be stricken out and the following substituted, viz.: "A member whose dues shall be one year in arrears shall be notified thereof by the Sec. who shall report such notice to the Lodge at its Stated Meeting following. If within three months after such notice the dues of said member be not paid he may be suspended or expelled." That the words "two thirds" be stricken from the first Sec. of Art. XI. and the words "a majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "two thirds" be stricken out of Art. XI. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 283 and the words "a majority" substituted. That all after the word "debate" be stricken from the 4th Rule of Order and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 286 be approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Signed, WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

PHILADA., June 5th, 1854.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report,

That they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending March 31st and find them to be correct and as follows:

Bal. on hand Jan. 1st, 1854		$2,777 86
Cash received:		
From Lodges	$7,355 67	
" Chapters	30 00	
" Mark Lodges	67 50	
" Encampments	30 00	
" D. D. G. Masters	220 00	
" New Warrants	163 00	
" Dispensations to pass to the Chair	355 00	
" E. P. & Raise	250 00	
" G. L. Certificates	48 00	
" Ahiman Rezons	46 00	
		8,565 17
		$11,343 03

Dr.

Cash paid:		
Interest on Loan	$1,023 00	
Rent of chandelier in old Hall to Archer	50 00	
Binding Ahiman Rezons	20 15	
Repairs to G. L. jewels	7 00	
Expenses laying Corner Stone	40 00	
Discount	34	
Appropriations for 1854	3,855 00	
		4,995 49
Bal. in favor of Grand Lodge March 31st, 1854		$6,347 54

The accounts of the several appropriations are as follows:

Appropriation to G. M. March 6th, 1854,	$250 00	
Cash paid expenses constituting Lodge No. 286 at Columbia.....	97 50	
		$152 50
Appropriation to Hall Committee.....	$865 00	
Cash paid for the quarter.....	166 49	
Bal. on hand		698 51
Appropriation to Grand Treasurer.....		750 00
Appropriation to Grand Secretary.....	$340 00	
Less cash paid out this quarter.....	55 21	
Bal. on hand		284 79
Appropriations:		
Salaries	$1,650 00	
Cash paid for quarter.....	312 50	
Bal. on hand		1,337 50

The total amount of funds in the Treasurer's hands is therefore as follows:

Bal. of General Fund.....	$6,347 54
" Appropriation to G. Master.....	152 50
" " " Hall Com.	698 51
" " " Grand Treas.	750 00
" " " Grand Sec.	284 79
" " " Salaries	1,337 50
Total	$9,570 84

Nine thousand five hundred and seventy dollars eighty-four cents.

The Committee on Finance feel great pleasure in reporting the satisfactory state of the finances of the Grand Lodge and feel that they can with safety recommend that ten thousand dollars of the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the present year be invested in the new Masonic Loan and therefore submit the following:

Resolution (No. 1) that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to subscribe for ten thousand dollars of the new Masonic Loan to be paid for as fast as the surplus funds in the treasury will permit.

The Committee would also call the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge to the facts that the Third Street Hall was included in the assets of the Grand Lodge the proceeds of which was to be applied to the payment of the old Loan and the progress of the new building in Chestnut Street is such as to render it probable that the money will be required before the end of the year 1854. With these facts in view the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolution (No. 2) that a Committee of Three be appointed who shall have authority (by and with the advice and consent of the Trustees of the Real Estate) to dispose of the Third Street property, to the best advantage, reserving to the Grand Lodge the right of occupation until the new hall is finished and the Trustees of the Real Estate are hereby authorized to make a legal transfer of said property under the provisions of this resolution.

Signed, George Smith, George H. Oliver,
Joseph S. Riley, Francis Blackburne,
Daniel Thompson,

Committee of Finance.

Phil., June 5th, 1854.

Resolution No. 1 was called up and again read and on motion duly made and seconded, was adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was called up and again read and amended as follows and as amended was adopted.

Resolution No. 2 as amended and adopted, *Resolved*, that a Committee of Three be appointed to enquire into and ascertain the best price that can be obtained for the sale of the Third Street property, together with the terms on which the same can be sold and they shall report the same and any other proper information on the subject to this Grand Lodge.

The R. Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Resolution No. 2, Bros. John Thomson of No. 51, John C. Yeager of No. 52, George Smith of No. 186.

On motion of Bro. H. M. Phillips and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Master draw his order on the Grand Treasr. in favor of the Trustees of the new Masonic Loan for such amount as may be required, to pay the interest on the new Masonic Loan falling due the first day of July next.

The Grand Officers to whom the Germantown property was referred made the following report, viz.:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Grand Officers beg leave to report, that they have carefully considered the application of Bros. Betton, Squires and Fling, a Committee of Hiram Lodge, No. 81, for a restoration to that Lodge of the lot of ground in the Borough of Germantown, the possession of which was recently recovered by the Grand Lodge.

The members of that Lodge are not united in their wishes on the subject, for while the Lodge by the appointment of a Committee expressed its desire to repossess the property and to erect thereon a new building for Masonic purposes, many old and faithful members are opposed to this measure, which they fear would introduce dissension and discord if nothing worse among the members. The Grand Officers cannot see the propriety nor necessity of yielding, to the request and believing that the best interest of the Order will be promoted by carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge, as contained in a resolution passed some time since, committing the property to the Trustees of the Charity Fund, for the benevolent purposes for which that Fund is maintained, they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved (No. 1), that it is inexpedient to grant the application of Hiram Lodge, No. 81, for a restoration to that Lodge of the property in Germantown recently recovered by this Grand Lodge at the suit at law.

Resolved (No. 2), that the property in Germantown be recommitted to the Trustees of the Charity Fund and that they be instructed to sell the same absolutely and without any guarantee from this Grand Lodge for the best price that can be obtained for the same and the R. W. Grand Master and other proper officers are hereby instructed to execute under the seal

of this Grand Lodge such instruments as may be necessary to carry the sale into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

By the Grand Officers.

PHILA., June 5, 1854.

Resolution No. 1 was again read and adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was also read again and adopted.

Bro. James Page read a letter in relation to the said Germantown property from Mr. E. Taylor.

Which was on motion referred to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following statement, viz.: The resolutions of the Grand Lodge passed Dec. 27th, 1853, in favor of P. G. Master Bro. Anthony Bournonville and Past Grand Treasurer Bro. John Thomson, were neatly transcribed and framed and presented to said Brethren in an appropriate manner.

The application for a new Lodge in Pittsburg. Warrant granted.

A new Warrant was also granted to the Brethren applying in Allegheny City with permission to work in the German language, until otherwise ordered.

The removal of Lodge No. 237 from Washington, Washington Co., to Bealville, same county, was approved. The proceedings apearing to have been conducted in great harmony.

On May 1st, 1854, proceeded to Bristol accompanied by all of the Grand Officers (except the R. W. S. G. Warden Bro. Jno. K. Mitchell, who was prevented by sickness) and between three and four hundred Brethren, and dedicated the new Hall just completed at that place. We had the pleasure of the company and assistance of the R. W. G. Master of New Jersey and a number of Brethren from that Jurisdiction, we have reason to believe that the services on that occasion have given universal satisfaction. It affords us much pleasure to state that the Craft in that place are in a thriving condition.

Appointments to supply vacancies:

Bro. John Allen of No. 155 on Building Committee in place of Bro. James Hutchinson.

Bro. John C. Smith of No. 67 Steward in place of Bro. James Simpson.

Bro. William Whitney of No. 51 on Committee on By-laws in place of Bro. James Page.

Bro. Albert B. Ashton of No. 3 on the Hall Committee in place of Bro. William Thomson.

To the invitation from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the R. W. Grand Sec'ty was directed to make the following reply which was done Ap. 22d, 1854.

Resolved, that the Grand Sec'ty be requested to communicate with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and inform them that while the officers of the Grand Lodge of Penna. regret that they cannot be personally present at the interesting ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the monument to be erected to the memory of Bro. David Wooster at Danbury, Connecticut, on the 27th inst. (April) they cherish with feelings of gratitude and fraternal love the memory of the honored Brother, whose services in the cause of American Liberty are so well known and universally acknowledged.

Resolved, that the members of the Grand Lodge appreciating the fame and memory of Bro. D. Wooster, as the common property of American Masons, are gratified and proud that the Masonic Brethren of his own Grand Lodge, have determined to erect a suitable public permanent monument to his honor.

The following was read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

Hall of Hebron Lodge, A. Y. M.,

Mar. 31st, 1854.

At a special meeting of Hebron Lodge, No. 225, A. Y. M., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in the inscrutable dispensations of His providence, suddenly to call away from our midst, by the Messenger of Death, our much beloved and most worthy Brother John Hoge.

Therefore *resolved*, that it is with unfeigned sorrow that we have received intelligence of his death cut down in the vigor of manhood and in the midst of his career of usefulness, that in him we feel that we have lost one who was truly a worthy

Brother and an honor to our Fraternity, a useful citizen, an ornament to society and, that noblest work of God, an honest man.

Resolved, that we tender to the afflicted and bereaved wife and family our fraternal sympathies, in this their hour of sore trial and in the spirit of faith, hope and charity, commend them to the care of the all seeing eye of the Great Master above for protection and to His arm for support, whilst mourning under their sore bereavement.

Resolved, that we are under lasting obligations to the Brethren of Morgantown, Virginia, especially to Bros. Wallace, Sundusky and Wray for their attention to the remains of their and our Brother, for returning the body to his family and home and for the fraternal sympathy manifested by them in behalf of our deceased Brother and that a Masonic medal of gold be presented to Bros. Wallace and Sandusky our humble testimony of gratitude for their fidelity.

Resolved, that our Lodge be clothed in mourning in token of our deep sorrow for the deceased.

Resolved, that the above preamble and resolutions be entered upon the Minutes of this Lodge, a copy to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Penna. to the Lodge at Morganstown, Va., and furnished to the family of the deceased, be published in the *Press* and *Whig* of this place and in the Masonic publication of the State.

By order of Hebron Lodge, No. 251.

B. H. Henderson, *W. M.*

Two communications from the Grand Lodge of New York. The first bearing date March 16th, 1854, in relation to interference of Foreign Jurisdiction with the state Grand Lodge.

The second in relation to the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penna. to allow the visitation of individuals therein who have been expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York. On motion duly made and seconded, the communications just alluded to were referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint P. G. Masters Bros. William Barger, William Whitney, Peter Fritz.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. James W. Martien and adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, that the Building Committee be directed to enquire into and report to the Grand Lodge the cost of paving the fronts of the proposed new Hall in Chestnut Street with granite and of setting new granite curb stones.

A communication was read from Mrs. E. Atkinson in relation to loss sustained in consequence of the street in front of her store in 7th St. above Chestnut being obstructed with the old material while tearing the Hall down, &c. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was referred to the Building Committee with power to grant fifty dollars if they should deem it advisable so to do.

The following communication from Bristol Lodge, No. 25, was read and adopted, viz.:

BRISTOL, May 6th, 1854.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

At a Stated Meeting of Bristol Lodge, No. 25, held on Saturday evening, May 6th, 1854, it was on motion unanimously agreed to that Sec. 6 Art. VII. respecting the remuneration of the Tyler be so far amended as to read: "For these services he shall be exempt from the payment of dues and receive two dollars for every Stated or Special Meeting."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Attest:

DANIEL M. KEIM,
Sec.

[L. S.]

The following was presented and on motion was referred to the Committee on Landmarks, viz.:

Resolved, that in addition to the duties now performed by the Committee to make the necessary enquiries on applicants for Initiation and Membership, as well the Brother officiating at the introduction of the candidate, they shall be required to put the following queries, viz.:

First, Do you believe in the existence of a God?

Second, Do you seriously declare upon your honor that you

have never before applied for admission to any Lodge of Freemasons?

If the applicant cannot answer the above queries in the affirmative he shall not be considered as a suitable person to become a member of the Order and his application shall be withdrawn.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 227, at Reading, Penna., and ordered to be filed. Setting forth that said Lodge granted the use of their Warrant to enable a number of Sir Knights to open an Encampment of Knights Templar in the City of Reading.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. R. R. Hodges read and ordered to lie over until the next Quarterly Communication, viz.:

Resolved, that Sec. 18th, Chapt. 3d of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge which refers to fees for Initiation in subordinate Lodges shall be amended as follows:

Strike out (the fees for Initiation and Admission to Membership are such as each Lodge ordains for itself) and insert "the fees for Initiation in the City of Phil. shall be fifty dollars, and the fee for Initiation in all other Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge thirty dollars."

The published proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Illinois, Florida, Alabama, District of Columbia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Delaware, Michigan, Vermont, Maryland, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and Kentucky, were referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Bro. Washington Heimberger and seconded by Bro. William H. Huddell, the proceedings in the case of Bro. —— —— was called up for consideration.

On motion the following Brethren were admitted during the evening as visitors, viz.: Bros. Thos. Dougherty, No. 48, Md.; Sam'l S. Marcy, U. L., Conn.; William Stirling, James Givin, Geo. Mulliken, late of No. 59; Sam'l McIlree, No. 67; Isaac Hyneman, No. 71; Geo. B. Stout, No. 114; E. J. Hutt, No. 126; Silas Pedrick and J. W. Cowan, No. 274.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 11 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" Rich. Vaux, S. G. D., p. t.
" John Thomson, J. G. D., p. t.
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Joseph Hutchinson, G. Sword Bearer, p. t.
" Chas. Bard Reese, G. Pursuivant.
" Joseph Moore, } G. Stewards.
" Geo. D. Haswell, }

Visitors: Bros. Jacob Rummill, No. 187; R. Loughead, formerly No. 130; James Porter, formerly No. 59; William Carr, No. 245.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of reorganizing Lodge No. 183, formerly held at Tredyffrin, Montgomery county, Pa., and to locate the Lodge near its former place; he further stated that the Brethren applying were now ready to have the ceremonies performed.

The names of the following Brethren were announced and they were admitted, to wit: Bros. Elijah Lewis, Emmer Elton, Atles Potter, Adam B. Williamson, Robert Lewis and John Elliott, members of said Lodge when she ceased to operate.

The Secretary produced the old Warrant whereupon the Grand Secretary read a copy of the old charges to Bro. Elijah Lewis the W. M. selected by the Brethren. After which he was duly installed in the presence of Past Masters only. Those who retired were readmitted when the R. W. S. G. Warden proceeded to instal Bro. Emmer Elton, S. Warden. This Brother made some objection and the S. G. W. appealing to the R. W. G. Master stated the difficulty and the Bro. explained.

The R. W. Grand Master then stated that in consequence of the Brother not feeling willing to submit to the regulations provided for in such cases, he would stop the proceedings and close the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary took possession of the Warrant and the Grand Lodge then closed in peace at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, July 3d, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Communication, held in the Hall South 3d Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" Edward P. Lescure, R. W. G. Treas.
(Bro. Baxter having to withdraw in consequence of severe indisposition in his family.)
" W. H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Alfred P. Hesser, Gr. Marshal.
" Jacob Laudenslager, Gr. Sword Bearer.
" Chas. Bard Reese, } Gr. Stewards.
" A. J. Montgomery, }
" Joseph Hutchinson, S. Gr. Deacon, p. t.
" John Thomson, J. G. Deacon, p. t.
" H. L. Peterson, Gr. Pursuivant.
" James Page, P. Grand Master.

And about forty members of the Grand Lodge and a number of visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 8 o'c., P. M.

Orient Lodge, No. 289, was duly constituted in ancient and solemn form. All who were not of the degree of Past Masters withdrew when Bro. James Groyn was duly Installed Worshipful Master. The Brethren who had withdrawn were read-

mitted when Bro. William Sterling was duly Installed Senior Warden, and Bro. Joseph P. Laughead, Junior Warden. The following are the names of the members with the foregoing officers, to wit: Bros. George Millegen, Joseph Porter, James Gass, Samuel Robbinson, William L. Sharp, John Bicks, Samuel Orr, Gabriel Phillips, W. Getz, W. T. Heberton.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Hall South Third Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Henry M. Phillips, J. G. W. as S. G. W.
(Bro. Jno. K. Mitchell being indisposed.)
" John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" John C. Smith, S. G. Deacon, p. t.
" Francis Blackburne, J. G. D., p. t.
" C. Bard Reese, } G. Stewards.
" William Leach, }
" Harman Baugh, G. Pursuivant.
" Aaron Waters, G. Marshal.
" Daniel Snyder, G. Sword Bearer.
" William Whitney, James Page, Anthony Bournonville, Past Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Thomas, Blackburne, Graham.
" 3, " King, Ashton, Thomson.
" 9, " Kelly, Leach.
" 19, " Karrick, Nichols, Griscom, Cummings, Hodges.

No. 25, Bros. Benezet.
" 51, " Evans, Whitney, Thomson.
" 52, " Pearson, Smith, Yeager, Ferguson.
" 59, " Jayne, Taylor, Neeson, Adams, Neil.
" 67, " Smith, Laudenslager, Weeks, Jas. Hutchinson, Squibb, Martien, Jos. Hutchinson, Reese, Baugh.
" 71, " Ashton, Van Collem, Bladen, Jones, Hutchinson.
" 72, " Chase, Thompson, Phillips.
" 81, " Snyder, Fulton, Fling.
" 91, " Sleeper, Hinchman, Brown, Perkins.
" 114, " Sharp, Baxter, Hamm, Clark.
" 115, " Heimberger, Heylin, Wallace, Black, Fulmer.
" 121, " See, Leviestien.
" 125, " Bournonville.
" 126, " Nesbit, Page.
" 130, " Young, Riley, Lescure, Piper, Pearson, Brown, Strickland.
" 131, " Leppein.
" 134, " Stocker, Roney, Williamson, Goddard.
" 155, " Clinton, Allen, Wilkinson, Watres, Ruan, Martin.
" 158, " Shields, Oliver, Reed, Kugler.
" 186, " Russell, O'Farrell, Little.
" 187, " McCahen, Albertson, Loeser, Simpson.
" 197, " Porter.
" 211, " Hall, Cartwright, Page.
" 228, " Bugh.
" 245, " Carr.
" 246, " Beenken.
" 271, " Maher, Reinstine.
" 289, " Gwynn.

Proxies: Nos. 22, 138, 143, 148, 153, 156, 218, 222, 226, 232, 233, 238, 244, 252, 253, 262, 267.

Forty-nine Lodges represented, thirty-two by members and seventeen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ancient and Solemn form at 7¼ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 5th, 1854, were read and adopted.

The death of P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Samuel McKinley, was announced when P. G. M. Bro. James Page, read the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, as this Grand Lodge has received information of the demise of Brother Samuel McKinley, P. D. D. G. M., of the Allegheny District, and it is right and proper for the assembled Brethren to manifest their sense of the great loss the Fraternity has sustained by this mournful event, therefore *resolved*, that in the death of our esteemed Brother we feel and know that a safe and brilliant light in the Order has been suddenly and peacefully extinguished.

Resolved, by this dispensation of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, one endeared to us by many pleasing recollections and Masonic ties has been removed from the scenes of his earthly labors and usefulness to that Grand Lodge not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Resolved, that if ever a heart was imbued with and cherished the pure principles of the Order and a life was truly devoted to their diffusion and the advancement of the prosperity and welfare of the Craft at large, we must seek for that heart and life in the career of our lamented Brother and forever connect them with his memory.

Resolved, that we tender our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family and the many friends of the deceased and as some solace for their heavy sorrow point them to the beautiful example set by him whose loss they mourn.

Resolved, that a copy of this preamble and resolutions be properly prepared, to be signed by the Grand Officers and forwarded to the family of our deceased Brother.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 21, 131, 284 and 287 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a new Lodge in Frankford was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for a new Lodge in Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Pa., was also read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

was read, inviting this Grand Lodge to be present and participate in the ceremonies of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of said Grand Lodge in the City of Charleston, South Carolina, on the 27th day of December next, which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read giving information that a Grand Encampment had been formed for the State of Penna., in the city of Philadelphia, on Friday evening, June 16th, 1854, A. L. 5854, A. O. 764, and the officers elected on the occasion. Ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee of Three, to wit:

Extract from the Minutes of Lodge No. 106 held at Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming. WHEREAS, —— —— an applicant for Initiation and Membership was rejected at a Stated Meeting, held 20th of June, 1853, AND WHEREAS, a second ballot was had upon said application, in pursuance of the authority contained in the Ahiman Rezon which resulted in his rejection a second time, AND WHEREAS, it is believed by this Lodge that the rejection of Mr. —— must be the result of error as he is a gentleman of most exemplary character and highly deserving the position to which he aspires. AND WHEREAS, the Lodge at the time of his second rejection resolved to make application to the Grand Lodge for leave to take another ballot upon his application.

AND WHEREAS, by a communication received from the Grand Sec. it appears that he has not received the proceedings of this Lodge herein referred to, AND WHEREAS, the members of this Lodge continue to entertain the same favorable estimate of the worth and worthiness of Mr. —— therefore *resolved*, that the application to the Grand Lodge for leave to take a third ballot on the application of —— —— for Initiation and Membership be renewed and forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Lodge at as early a period as practicable.

Certified from the Minutes of Lodge No. 106, July 10th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

ROBERT FLEMING,
Secretary.

[L. S.]

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Committee Bros. Gustavus Remak, E. P. Lescure, Joseph Moore.

The following communication from Lodge No. 60 was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee of Three, to wit:

BROWNSVILLE, July 21st, 1854.

To Wm. H. Adams, Esq., Grand Sec. Grand Lodge of Pa.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—At a Regular Meeting of Brownsville Lodge, No. 60, on the first Monday of July, inst. It was resolved to inform the Grand Lodge of a question that has arisen out of the following circumstances and ask its advice and decision.

At our Regular Meeting, on the first Monday of June ultimo, a petition was presented from a candidate named —— ——, the petition was referred to a Committee at the next Stated Meeting in this month. When the Committee was called on to report a member arose and stated that the candidate had been Entered, Passed and Raised by a dispensation from D. D. G. M. Bro. Musser, in a Lodge at Beallville, nine miles from this place by the D. D. G. M. himself, who is the W. M. of the Lodge, when the Committee was permitted to defer further action in the case until advice from the W. Grand Lodge could be obtained.

On the same evening (first Monday in June) after the petition had been referred to Committee, a traveling companion of the D. D. privately requested the W. M. of this Lodge to call a meeting on the following Thursday evening to confer the degrees on the candidate by Dispensation and requested nay urged that the services of the D. D. should be obtained to confer them and that we pay him for the same.

The objection to calling the meeting for that purpose were first, that there was no application before the Lodge to come in by Dispensation. In the second place, we did not feel disposed to use the funds of the Lodge in that way and more especially so as he had been, as we think, liberally paid for instructions before. In the third place, there were objections to the candidate becoming a Mason, he being addicted to habits of intemperance. We had no official announcement of this

matter from the D. D. until since the July meeting. When he wrote the W. M. instructing him to refund to the candidate the deposit of six dollars. Now the question with us is can a Lodge receive an application and a D. D. G. M. lawfully grant a dispensation to confer degrees in that Lodge, while the candidate has a petition in the hands of a Committee of another Lodge the D. D. G. M. knowing the latter facts.

The members of this Lodge think that our D. D. has acted with imprudent haste in this matter, regardless of the claims of this Lodge and the courtesy due the Lodge here, we request that the Lodge here be afforded an equal privilege with the D. D. in furnishing testimony in the case.

By a resolution of this Lodge I was instructed to bring the matter to the notice of the Grand Lodge and request an answer as soon as may suit the convenience of the same.

Respectfully and fraternally,

J. W. JEFFERIES,
[L. S.] *Sec. No. 60.*

P. S. There has been no application made in the Lodge for withdrawal of the petition.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Committee Bros. William English, Daniel Thompson and James Kelly.

A communication was read from a number of Brethren members of Lodge No. 233, held at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., asking for the restoration of Bro. —— ——, he having been suspended from the rights and privileges of the Order for one year fom the time that he made an apology to the Lodge. Bro. —— having made said apology and being in bad health, advanced in years, induced them to make the above request.

After considerable interchange of opinion, it was on motion duly made and seconded, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The following communication from Lodge No. 186 was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to a special Committee of Three, to wit:

To James Hutchinson, R. W. G. M., Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

BRETHREN,—The subscriber most respectfully solicits the consideration of the Grand Lodge to his present embarrassed position, as an Entered Apprentice Mason and a Member of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, having publicly expressed a wish to connect myself with the Order. A member of No. 2 called upon me and obtained my signature to an application for Initiation and Membership in that Lodge, having waited a considerable length of time and not hearing a word respecting my application I again signified to Bro. Wilson of No. 186 an anxious desire to become attached to the Order, he immediately procured an application to that number to which I appended my name and at the Stated Meeting of No. 186 in May I was made an Entered Apprentice Mason. After a month had elapsed I visited the Lodge, for the purpose of being further advanced, when I was informed that it could not be done as the Lodge had been officially notified that I had been blackballed previously by Lodge No. 2. Here the matter rests and as I am anxious to obtain the other degrees and feel conscious that my character is without stain or blemish I appeal to the Grand Lodge to remove the obstacle to my advancement if upon investigation they find me worthy.

Respectfully and fraternally,

——— ———.

PHIL., Sept. 4th, 1854.

The R. W. G. M. was pleased to appoint Brothers William Whitney, P. R. W. G. M., John C. Yeager and Stilwell S. Bishop, said Committee.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Building Committee of the New Hall respectfully report, that since their last report the work in all its branches has, with a single exception, progressed as rapidly as under the circumstances could be desired.

In the main building a satisfactory feature is exhibited in the appearance of the groined arches their solidity and beauty combining safety from fire, being greatly admired.

The third story front is in the progress of completion, but, owing to the delay of the contractors for this part of the work,

whose tardiness has been noted by many and greatly complained of by the Committee, the stone work is much behindhand and had the Committee depended upon their efforts it is likely the main building would not have been ready for roofing before the Winter set in. To obviate all difficulty however the Committee has arranged for putting on the iron roof without waiting for the finish of the brown stone front, so as to have everything under cover and protected from weather.

The iron roof will be immediately put up by the contractors. The back building is entirely up, roofed in with iron and nearly ready in all its parts for plastering. The contract for the plastering has been agreed on and the work will soon commence. Since the last report about $13,000 additional has been paid on account of work and material making $53,000 disbursed in all by the Committee. Insurance has been effected to the amount of $15,000 on the building and material, in three different offices, $5,000 in each. As the stores will be ready for renting before the next Quarterly Communication and applications are already being made for them the propriety of appointing a Committee for that purpose, as well as for the purpose of providing the necessary Lodge decorations and furniture is suggested. In renting the stores it is further suggested that care should be taken to prevent tenants from destroying the architectural features of the building, by covering the front with signs. Some uniform plan should be fixed upon by the architect and each tenant required to conform thereto. The business purposes of the tenants and the appearance of the building may both be preserved and accomplished in this way.

The Committee have made due inquiry into the cost of a granite pavement for the front, and also the rear pavement of the New Hall as desired by the G. L. at last Grand Communication and have ascertained that it will be as follows:

For the front pavement and curb all set complete...	$2,499 25
For the back pavement on Lodge Alley and curb set complete	1,065 00
Total	$3,564 25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE,
Chairman, Building Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Building Committee were directed to proceed with the granite pavement in front and rear of the New Hall and have the granite curb stone agreeably to their report.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed who shall have charge of the furnishing and fitting up the New Masonic Hall and the said Committee are directed to consult with any Committees from the Grand Chapter or Grand Encampment of Pa., so far as regards the furnishing of rooms for their use.

Resolved, that a Hall Committee be appointed to take charge of the renting of the stores in the new Hall, as soon as they are ready and to restrict the putting up of any sign upon the front, except such as shall conform to a plan that may be agreed upon between the said Committee and the architect of the building.

The alteration to the Constitution in relation to the Initiation and admission fee was called up. When after considerable interchange of opinion the whole subject was referred to a special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Harman Baugh, R. R. Hodges, Washington Heimberger and J. Altamont Phillips said Committee.

The R. W. G. Master stated that he had received a letter from the Trustees of the City Dancing Assembly asking payment of a claim they have against the 3rd St. Hall of $5,550.00. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was referred to the Committee on Finance to report the ways and means.

On motion duly made and seconded the following Brethren were admitted as visitors, to wit: Bros. John Winterbottom, John D. Benkert, Henry A. Barton, Lodge No. 2; Jno. F. Benezet, K. Hoxsie, No. 59; Samuel McIree, No. 67; Edward B. Schnider, No. 71; Jos. Fling, No. 81; James Hawkins, C. Wainwright, Geo. B. Stout, No. 114; Chas. W. De Buist, No. 186; Wm. E. Grum, No. 127, Kentucky; Alex. S. Anderson, No. 1, Wilmington, Del.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, That they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend, that from Sec. 1 Art. XI. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 131 all between the words "after reading the Minutes" and "on the evening of the election" be stricken out, that the words "or a majority of them" be stricken from Sec. 2 Art. IV., that the words "he shall deposit his certificate upon the pedestal" be stricken from Sec. 2 Art. VI. and the words "he shall deliver his certificate to the Lodge" be substituted, that the proviso to Sec. 3 Art. III. be stricken out, that after the word "votes" in the 6th rule of order the words "excepting an election" be inserted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the first proviso to Art. VIII. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 284 be stricken out, that the words "said applicant" if no objections are made as in Art. VIII. of these By-laws, be stricken from Art. IX., that the words "except in cases of suspension or expulsion then it shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present" be stricken from Art. XI.; that Art. XII. be stricken out, that the words "deposited under the pedestal" be stricken from Sec. 14, and the words "returned to the Lodge" be substituted therefor, that all after the words "two dollars" in Art. XV. be stricken out, that Art. XVI. be stricken out, that the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIX. and the words "a majority" substituted therefor. And that said By-laws be then referred back to the Lodge with directions to introduce a section fixing the fees for Initiation and membership.

That all after the words "Stated Meeting in December" be stricken from Sec. 14 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 287 and the following substituted, "He may after having received a sufficient notice of said indebtedness be suspended or expelled," that from Sec. 20 that the words "Except for non payment of dues" and also the words "and in all cases of expulsion two-thirds of the members present are necessary to concur" be stricken out, that the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Sections 21 and 22 and the words "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be referred back to the Lodge with directions to introduce a section stating the fees for Initiation and Membership.

Signed, WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRAZER,

SEPT. 4th, 1854. *Com.*

Agreeably to the suggestions made by the Building Committee the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. James Shields, William Conrad, Gustavus Remak, Harman Baugh and Washington Heimberger, the New Hall Committee for Chestnut Street.

Committee on Decorations in New Hall: Bros. Robert P. King, John Thornley, Francis Blackburne, Henry C. Howell and David Jayne.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2d, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Masonic Hall, South Third Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Gustavus Remak, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
(Bro. Mitchell detained away on professional duty.)
" Joseph Moore, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
(Bro. Philllips absent.)
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Neeson, Dep. G. Sec.
" William Carr, S. G. Deacon.
" Aaron Waters, J. G. do.
" Robert Clark, G. Marshal.
" Daniel Thomson, G. Sword Bearer.
" C. Bard Reese and John G. Sharp, } G. Stewards.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" Cornelius Stevenson, James Page, Peter Fritz, William Whitney, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Graham, Moseley.
"	3,	"	Colladay, Thomson, Padmore.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Leach, Atkinson, Thorp.
"	19,	"	Mathews, Nichols, Cummings, Thomas.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	51,	"	Howell, Thomson, Whitney.
"	52,	"	Brick, Pearson, Ferguson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Jayne, Taylor.
"	67,	"	Squibb, Baugh, Hutchinson, Reese, Smith.
"	71,	"	Bladen, Bamberry.
"	72,	"	Stevenson, Thompson.
"	91,	"	Perkins, Casey, Brown.
"	114,	"	Sharp, Thomson, O. Thompson, Clark, Baxter, Huddell.
"	115,	"	Heylin, Heyl, Heimberger, McCloud.
"	121,	"	Lennig, Peterson.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Osner, Scheide, Remak.
"	126,	"	Page.
"	130,	"	Brown, Riley, Lescure, Pearson, Strickland.
"	131,	"	Moore.
"	134,	"	Roney, Klapp, King, Williamson, Goddard.
"	155,	"	Bacon, Fritz, Waters, Brown.
"	158,	"	Reed, Kugler, McKinley.
"	186,	"	Russell, Smith, Begley, Little.
"	187,	"	Loeser, Albertson, Wallis.
"	211,	"	Wright, Cartwright, Peall.
"	227,	"	Swartz.
"	230,	"	Taylor.
"	245,	"	Carr, Mann.
"	271,	"	Reinstine.

Proxies: Nos. 22, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 153, 156, 194, 199, 218, 219, 220, 222, 226, 232, 238, 244, 253, 255, 259.

Forty-seven Lodges represented, twenty-nine by members and nineteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ to 7 o'clock P. M.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Concordia Lodge, No. 67, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 62, at Reading, Pa., which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 153 appointing Bro. Washington L. Bladen proxy for said Lodge. On motion said communication was received and Bro. Washington L. Bladen acknowledged as proxy for said Lodge.

A further communication from same Lodge was read as follows:

Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153,

August 14th, 1854.

Regular Meeting, *Resolved*, that our proxy to the Grand Lodge be instructed to vote for the adoption of such work in Pennsylvania, as will conform to the work of the other States and that he also be instructed to vote for the formation of a Grand Lodge of the United States.

We the undersigned Officers of Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a portion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting which was held on the evening of the 14th of August, 1854.

Signed, William A. Porter, *W. M.*
M. W. Denny, *S. W.*
J. S. Jennings, *J. W.*

J. A. J. Buchanan,
[L. S.] *Sec.* Pro-tem.

After the reading of the foregoing Bro. Washington Bladen offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee from each of the State Grand Lodges in the United States with a view of establishing a General Lodge of the United States and also for the adoption of such work in Penna. as will conform to the work of the other States. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was indefinitely postponed unanimously.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 126, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 158, ordered to be entered and filed.

A Special Return was read from Lodge No. 186, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 199 appointing Bro. Henry M. Phillips their proxy. On motion the communication was received and filed and Bro. Henry M. Phillips acknowledged as the proxy of said Lodge. A further communication was read from said Lodge, ordered to be entered and filed. Another communication was read from said Lodge appealing from the decision of the Worshipful Master. On motion said communication was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. G. Parker Cummings, James Simpson and George H. Zeigler said Committee.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— complaining of the action of Kittanning Lodge in suspending him without cause. On motion the communication was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. William Whitney, Daniel M. Fox and James B. Baggs said Committee.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was read and ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

(Circular.)

Grand Secretary's Office,

Grand Lodge of Virginia,

Richmond, Sept. 15th, A. L. 5854, A. D. 1854.

Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,—In obedience to the order of the R. W. James A. Leitch, Dep. Grand Master of Masons for this State, it becomes my painful and melancholy duty to announce to you the untimely death of our highly beloved M. W. Grand Master, Edmund Pendleton Hunter, at the Berkley Springs in Bath Co., on Saturday the 9th inst., he died from relentless and almost unerring blow of the mighty and devastating epidemic, now scourging mankind in every quarter of the globe.

In the words of the R. W. Dep. Grand Master the bare announcement of this sad event to those who knew him is enough,

none knew him but to love him and those who knew him best loved him most.

Thus, Most Worshipful Sir, has this splendid corinthian pillar of our Masonic temple been stricken down by one of the casualties to which, by the fiat of nature and of nature's God, all animal life is subject and consigned to the cold grave, the common entrance to the dark valley of the shadow of death, but thanks, devout thanks, to our Grand Master in the Celestial Lodge above, our dearly beloved Brother died a devout Mason and a consistent and pious Christian, in the fall fruition of that blessed and glorious faith so pre-eminently typified by the ever living sprig of Acacia which blooms at the head of his tomb.

By order of R. W. James A. Leitch, Dep. Grand Master, now acting M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, at Richmond, this 15th day of Sept., A. L. 5854, A. D. 1854.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN DOVE,
Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master arose and stated that the case of Brother —— —— would now be brought forward for the action of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary then read the whole of the proceedings as far as the case had progressed. The motion then came up whether the previous action in the case should be reconsidered. A motion was made to postpone until the next Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge. Which was not agreed to. The question to reconsider was then put and carried. A motion was then made to postpone action on the report and resolution and refer the subject to Committee on Landmarks. This was not agreed to. Bro. Gustavus Remak then offered the following which was not agreed to, viz.:

Resolved, that Solomon's Lodge No. 114 be hereby required before advancing Bro. —— to hear any charges against him and dispose of them according to Masonic usage. The original report and resolution was then taken up and agreed to. The following resolution was offered by Bro. William H. Adams and agreed to, viz.:

Resolved, that the opinion contained in the report in Bro. —— ——'s case be adopted as the principle on which similar cases shall be settled in future.

The following report was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand M., Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the rejection of —— —— by Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, after a careful investigation of the circumstances of the case can find no reason why the ballot should be interfered with, or set aside, they therefore offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, that the rejection of —— —— by Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, be confirmed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, D. C. Skerrett,
Charles Brothers,
Gustavus Remak,
Committee.

Phil., Sept. 4th, 1854.

The following report was received and the resolution attached thereto adopted, viz.:

Phil., Sept. 4th, A. L. 5854.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— from the action of Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, beg leave to report, that after due notice to the W. Master and Sec. of Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, and also to the appellant the Committee with all the parties above recited, met at the office of its Chairman on the 27th of June last at 4 o'c., P. M., and proceeded to investigate the subject referred to them.

It was shown to your Committee, by the testimony of the W. Master, Bro. David S. Heyel, and the Secretary, Bro. John L. Heylin, of Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, that when the petition of —— —— was presented and referred to the usual Committee and again after he had been rejected and the ballot reconsidered the most diligent enquiry was made as to his character and standing in society, not only by the proper Committee but by the Officers and Members of the Lodge, which resulted

in the most satisfactory evidence of his qualifications and fitness for Membership and the only way in which they could account for the black ball being deposited against him was that a member of *another Lodge* for some unexplained motive induced *one* of the members of Saint John's Lodge to minister to his hostility, by using his high prerogative in the election of members in the manner referred to, but it is the present opinion of the Officers of Saint John's Lodge that the member, who is supposed to have thus used his power to exclude another, regrets having done so and that he would not again interpose to prevent —— —— becoming a member of that Lodge. Under these circumstances and it being the desire of the Officers and Members of that Lodge that authority be given to have another ballot in this case your Committee submit the following resolution and recommend its passage, to wit:

Resolved, that Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, be and is hereby permitted to take another ballot on the petition and favorable report of —— —— for membership therein, provided however that due notice be given in the usual manner to the members of said Lodge as to the time when such ballot is to be taken.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM ENGLISH,
J. A. PHILLIPS,
WILLIAM CONRAD,
Committee.

PHIL., Sept. 4th, 1854.

The following report and resolution was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Master under a resolution of the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communication in Sept. last to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— of Lodge No. 186 beg leave to submit the following report, taking the statement of the Petitioner, merely as set forth in his appeal, it would at first glance seem as reasonable that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted and that the obstacles to his advancement in Lodge No. 186 should at once be removed, but your Committee after as full an investigation as they deem necessary are of an entirely different

opinion. The statements, as set forth in ——'s appeal to this Grand Lodge, do not represent the true state of the case. It appears by the testimony taken by your Committee that —— made application to Lodge No. 2 in the month of March, 1853, and that the Committee to whom his petition was referred reported at their Stated Meeting the following April and on the same evening he was balloted for and rejected. A statement being made by some member that his rejection was probably a mistake, the W. M. permitted the ballot box to be sent round again when on examination it was found to contain several black balls. The W. M. of Lodge No. 2 then directed the deposit money ($5) to be returned to ——, which was done shortly afterwards by one of his recommenders who at the same time informed him that he had been rejected. It would seem from the testimony taken that those members of No. 2 who deposited the black balls did so purely upon Masonic principles. One of the witnesses voluntarily gave his reasons for voting against the applicant, altho' he was himself one of his recommenders, when his petition was sent into the Lodge the reason was that ——, shortly before the night he was balloted for, was known to have declared openly and publicly (and he cared not who knew it) that he did not care a —— straw for the Order, that he was merely going to join for the purpose of procuring the custom of certain persons who he knew to be Masons. Under these circumstances your Committee cannot but commend the course adopted by those Brothers of No. 2 who deposited their black balls against an applicant, who by his own declarations was so unworthy to be received unto our Order. It appears from ——'s statement presented to this Grand Lodge, that some time in the early part of this year he again made application to Lodge No. 186 and that in May of the present year he received the degree of E. A. M., after the lapse of one month, Lodge No. 186 very properly refused to advance him to the next degree for the reason that in the meantime they had been duly notified by Lodge No. 2 that —— had been blackballed in their Lodge. Your Committee do not attach any censure to Lodge No. 186 for at the time they conferred the degree of E. A. M. on him, they evidently acted in entire ignorance of what had taken place in Lodge No. 2. Your Committee are of the opinion that too much

caution cannot be used to guard against future cases of this kind and to accomplish this desirable end your Committee would recommend that the proper authority should give instruction to every subordinate Lodge under this Jurisdiction that in all cases for Initiation and Membership, the W. M. should put, or cause to be put, to the candidate the following question.

"Do you declare that you have not been rejected as an applicant by any other Lodge of Masons either in this State or elsewhere?"

Your Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted but would recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 186 be directed not to confer any more degrees on —— —— but forthwith to strike his name from their list of members and return him any money he may have paid into their Lodge.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY,
S. S. BISHOP,
JOHN C. FAGER,
Committee.

PHILA., Oct. 2d, 1854.

On motion the foregoing resolution was stricken out and the following substituted, to wit:

Resolved, that Lodge No. 186 be directed not to confer any further degrees on Bro. —— but be recommended, first to proceed and try him according to Masonic usage for unmasonic conduct. The report with the substituted resolution was then agreed to.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary from time to time report weekly to all the subordinate Lodges under this Masonic Jurisdiction the names of all candidates who may have been rejected.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, to wit: WHEREAS, evidence has been received by this Grand Lodge that there is now in existence in the State of New York two or more Grand Lodges claiming jurisdiction in that State: Therefore *Resolved*, that this Grand Lodge appoint a special Committee of Five, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the subject and report as speedily as possible the propriety of

this Grand Lodge recognizing one only. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. B. Newcomb, James Page, D. C. Skerrett, J. L. Hatfield and John Thomson said Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors: Bros. Peter T. Wright, Lodge No. 9; Andrew J. Barnes, John Bolt, No. 67; C. A. Seltzer, No. 91; G. B. Stout, Jas. Hinkle, No. 114; Gus. Eckendorf, No. 134; John Taylor, No. 158; Joshua Scattergood, No. 186; Wm. S. Bouldon, Lafayette Lodge, Wilmington, Del.; Wm. H. Grantham, McMelton Lodge, No. 114, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that from Sect. 1, Art. II. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 131 all between the words "after the Minutes" and "on the evening of the election" be stricken out, that the words "or a majority of them" be stricken from Sect. 2, Art. IV., that the words "he shall deposit his certificate upon the pedestal" be stricken from Sect. 2, Art. VI. and the words "he shall deliver his certificate to the Lodge" be substituted, that the proviso to Sect. 3, Art. III. be stricken out, that after the word "Votes" in the 6th Rule of Order the words "Excepting in elections" be inserted and that the said By-laws be then approved.

They further report that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that from Sect. 1, of Art. VI. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 21 the words "shall stand suspended" be stricken out and the words "may be suspended" be substituted, that from Sect. 3 Art. VI. the words shall stand suspended until the dues are paid or remitted be stricken out and "may be suspended" substituted, also that all of said Section after the words "when eight dolls. shall be due" be stricken out and the words "he may be suspended or expelled" inserted in the place thereof, that from Sect. 1, Art. IX. the words "subject however to the payment of one half of all the stated dues to this Lodge, until he shall become a member of

some other Lodge" be stricken out, that the words "two thirds" be stricken from Art. XII. and the word "Majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That Sec. 11th be stricken from the By-laws of Lodge No. 287 and the following substituted, "The fees for conferring degrees and Membership shall be in all cases paid in advance and shall be as follows:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation....	$25 00
" Initiation and Membership	25 00
" Admission of Bro. Masons.	
" Admission of an E. A. Mason.....	15 00
" do. do. a Fellow Craft	10 00
" the admission of a M. Mason.....	5 00

And that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
ROBERT FRASER,
WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Committee.

PHIL., Oct. 2d, 1854.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9½ o'c., P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

Nov. 27th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Quarterly Communication, held in Scranton, Luzerne County, Penna.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" P. Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Charles B. Reese, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.
" Jacob Laudenslager, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec'ty.

Bro. Isaac Wallace, S. G. D., p. t.
" R. Stirling Wilson, J. G. D., p. t.
" George D. Haswell, G. Marshal, p. t.
" H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10½ o'c. in the morning with about eighty M. M. present.

Organized and Installed the officers. New Lodge No. 291 called Union.

Richard A. Oakford, first W. M.; J. D. Mead, first S. W.; William H. Pier, first J. W.

Everything passed off in harmony and the Grand Lodge closed in peace at one o'clock Meridian.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication, held in the Hall South 3rd Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec'ty.
" Wm. H. Pearson, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon.
" Richard Vaux, J. G. Deacon.
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Alfred Cooper and Charles B. Reese, G. Stewards.
" Jacob Laudenslager, G. Sword Bearer.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" Samuel Badger, Josiah Randall, James Page, Peter Fritz, William Whitney, Anthony Bournonville, P. G. Masters.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No.	2,	Bros.	Graham, Blackburne, Binder.
"	3,	"	English, Thomson, Martin, Padmore, Meteer, Leddy, Curtis, Bilger.
"	9,	"	Leach, Kelly, Henderson, Brothers.
"	19,	"	Thomas, Patton, Hodges, Cummings, Griscom, Haswell, Randall, Thornley, Wilson.
"	25,	"	Benezet.
"	43,	"	Cooper, Howell.
"	45,	"	Adair.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Howell, Howard, Baggs, Evans, Whitney.
"	52,	"	Wilson, Fitch, Wood, Pearson, Israel, James, Smith.
"	59,	"	Macpherson, Adams, Jayne, Davenport.
"	62,	"	Hawman.
"	67,	"	Jos., Robt. and Jas. Hutchinson, Baugh, Weeks, Smith, Conrad, Martien, Reese, Laudenslager, Bispham, Deklyne, Squibb, Griffith, Dunn, Simpson.
"	71,	"	Banberry, Van Collem, Bladen, Frishmuth.
"	72,	"	Phillips, H. M. Phillips, Chase, Thomson, Ashton, Colladay, West, Williams, Brown, Coleman.
"	91,	"	W. and S. Badger, S. H. and S. C. Perkins, Hinchman, Swain.
"	114,	"	Thompson, Thomson, Clark, Baxter, Steel, Sharp, Huddell.
"	115,	"	Humes, Phillips, Shultz, Black, Heimberger, Fulmer, Heylin, Sickel.
"	121,	"	Lennig, Vaux, Mitchell, Peterson, See, Leviestien.
"	125,	"	Osner, Bournonville, Remak, Kohn, Ziegler.
"	126,	"	Hesser, Page, McCulloch, Jackson, Witham.
"	130,	"	Lescure, Strickland, Piper, Riley, Chandler, Brown, Young, Watson.
"	131,	"	Price, Moore.
"	134,	"	Cohen, Goddard, Roney, King.
"	135,	"	McCully, Mullin, White, Hyneman.

No. 155, Bros. Sanger, Waters, Marlin, Housekeeper, Allen, Clinton.
" 158, " Shields, Oliver, Kugler, Reed, Jones.
" 186, " Begley, Smith, O'Farrell, Zeigler, Barrington, Little, Fletcher, McIntyre, Hufty, Russell, Brown.
" 187, " Loeser, Penrose, Hann, Simpson.
" 190, " Richards, Kite.
" 211, " Cartwright, Dorlan, Peall, Hall, Wright.
" 227, " Stout, Swartz.
" 230, " Beenken, Taylor.
" 236, " Hill, Martin.
" 245, " Carr.
" 246, " Ramsey, Hyneman, Small.
" 249, " Gritman.
" 271, " Rhinestine, Kauffman, Mayer.
" 274, " Goddard, Rubicam.
" 283, " Bartolett.
" 284, " McIntyre.
" 289, " Loughead, Stirling.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 60, 61, 106, 138, 143, 144, 148, 153, 156, 163, 194, 197, 199, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 231, 238, 239, 244, 253, 254, 255, 259, 267, 269.

Seventy-two Lodges represented, forty-one by members and thirty-one by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6¼ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication held Sept. 4th, 1854, were read and approved.

The Minutes of Extra Meeting held October 2nd, 1854, were also read and approved.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 231 appointing Bro. Leon Hyneman of Lodge No. 246 the proxy of said Lodge, when on motion the communication was received and Bro. Leon Hyneman acknowledged the proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 233, at Pittston, Pa., appointing Bro. John C. Yeager of Lodge No. 52 the proxy of said Lodge, when on motion Bro. Jno. C. Yeager was acknowledged the proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 265 appointing

Bro. William English of Lodge No. 3 proxy for the Lodge, on motion Bro. W. English was acknowledged proxy of said Lodge.

Special Returns were received from the following Lodges and on motion were ordered to be entered and filed, viz.:

Lodges Nos. 3, 52, 62, 72, 114, 130, 186, 199, 220, 278.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 45 was presented for revision; also amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 138 at Orwigsburg, and No. 280 at Canton, on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication from Orient Lodge, No. 289, was read in relation to change in night of meeting, from the first Monday to the Third Tuesday. This communication led to considerable discussion, when on motion the subject was postponed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— stated that he stood suspended with the late Lodge No. 123, formerly held in York, and to the best of his belief was not in debt to said Lodge at its suspension, therefore prayed to be put in good standing to enable him to join the new Lodge formed at the above place or elsewhere. On motion the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 199 setting forth that Bro. —— —— had been expelled, &c. There appearing great irregularity in said proceedings, it was resolved to refer the matter to a special Committee of Three, to enquire into the whole proceedings and report the facts and matters connected therewith to the Grand Lodge. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. William Badger, Washington Heimberger and William E. Ewing, Committee. (Approved March 20/55.)

A petition for a new Lodge to be located at Ashland, Schuylkill County, Penna., was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following was read and on motion was referred back to the Committee with power to act, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee appointed to rent the new stores in Chestnut Street report that they held several meetings at the old Hall

South 3d Street, Bro. S. H. W. Safford having made an offer of three thousand dollars per annum for the first store east of the entrance, which being the only and best offer made was accepted by your Committee subject to your decision.

Signed, JAMES SHIELDS, WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER,
GUSTAVUS REMAK, HARMAN BAUGH,
Committee.

Resolution recommended by the above Committee, but not acted upon. *Resolved*, that the offer by Bro. H. W. Safford of $3000 per annum for rent store east of main entrance to Hall on Chestnut Street be and the same is hereby accepted.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master arose and stated that this was the evening set apart by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on Saint John's Day next. Whereupon he appointed Brothers George P. Little, Geo. D. Haswell, Joseph S. Riley and William Conrad, tellers.

The Grand Lodge then went into a ballot when the following officers were re-elected, to wit:

Bro. James Hutchinson, R. W. G. Master.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. do.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec'ty.

Trustees of the Stephen Girard Bequest, viz.:

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Anthony Bournonville, Peter Williamson, George D. Haswell, George P. Little.

Trustees New Masonic Loan, viz.:

Bros. William Badger, Philip R. Howard, William English, David Jayne, Henry Simons.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at half-past eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27th, 1854, A. L. 5854.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication, held in the Hall South 3d Street.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.
" William H. Nichols, Dep. G. Sec.
" Gustavus Remak, S. G. D.
" Isaac Wallace, J. G. D., p. t.
" Alfred P. Hesser, G. Marshal.
" Jacob Laudenslager, G. Sword Bearer.
" Charles Bard Reese, G. Steward.
" James Ferguson, do.
" Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.
" Anthony Bournonville, James Page, P. G. M.
" Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

No. 2, Bros. Graham.
" 3, " Ashton, English, Sites.
" 9, " Kelly, Brothers, Henderson, Thorp.
" 19, " Haswell, Bradley, Karrick.
" 25, " Benezet.
" 45, " Adair.
" 51, " Howell, Weir, Thomson.
" 52, " Pearson, Wilson, Ferguson.
" 59, " Taylor, Adams, Macpherson.
" 61, " Pettibone.
" 67, " Baugh, Field, Jas. and Jos. Hutchinson, Laudenslager, Reese.
" 71, " Hutchinson, Bambery, Bladen, Hancock.
" 72, " Ashton, O'Hara, Ellis, Phillips.
" 91, " Swain.
" 114, " Baxter, Clark.

No. 115, Bros. Heylin, Wallace, Shultz.
" 121, " Mott, Lennig, Mitchell, Peterson.
" 125, " Bournonville, Remak, Maag.
" 126, " Page, Hesser.
" 130, " Lescure.
" 131, " Moore, Smith.
" 134, " Roney, Goddard, Jackson, Williamson.
" 155, " Allen, Miller, Martin, Collins.
" 158, " Ewing.
" 186, " Scattergood.
" 187, " Coates.
" 190, " Brown, Zimmerman.
" 211, " Peall, Wright, Langer, Cartwright.
" 230, " Taylor.
" 242, " Lilley.
" 245, " Carr.
" 246, " Michener, Gordon.
" 258, " Bond.
" 266, " Prime.
" 271, " Peall, Wright, Meyer.
" 274, " Goddard.
" 289, " Stirling, Gwynn.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 61, 144, 148, 153, 156, 199, 218, 222, 238, 239, 253, 254, 269.

Fifty-five Lodges represented; thirty-seven by members and eighteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 264 appointing Bro. Ami. Bond of Lodge No. 258 their proxy. Which was on motion approved and Bro. Ami Bond acknowledged as said proxy.

An application for a new Lodge at Albion, Erie County, Penna., was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

So much of the Minutes of Dec. 4th, 1854, as relates to the election of Officers was read and approved.

Past Grand Master, Bro. Anthony Bournonville, took the chair when the Brethren who were not Past Masters withdrew.

Brother James Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Master elect and Brother Peter Williamson, R. W. Dep. Grand Master elect,

were separately and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Whereupon the Brethren who had retired were readmitted.

And the following Grand Officers were severally and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren, to wit.

Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W.
" Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas.
" William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec.

The R. Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. James Hutchinson, delivered the following appropriate address.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN—Having been again chosen to fill the important and responsible situation to which, by your kindness, I was elected one year since, I enter upon the discharge of its duties with no less diffidence in my ability to discharge them than at the period before mentioned.

In again returning to you my sincere acknowledgments, I rely upon your former kindness being extended during the coming Masonic year, assuring you that I shall endeavor to perform those duties faithfully, and to the best of my abilities, and whenever I fail, I must again throw myself upon your kind indulgence.

It was my intention during the past season to have visited, accompanied by the Grand Officers, some of the Lodges situate upon our Northern and Western borders, but from circumstances beyond my control have been able to perform but a small part of the work intended.

On the occasion of a visit made quite recently to Scranton, Luzerne county, for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge, in that place, I have abundant reason to be satisfied that the plan originally intended was a good one and eminently calculated to effect the object proposed, and that the visit referred to will prove in the end a source of much good to the Craft. I have found in that district a very large number of intelligent and worthy Brethren, among the most respectable of our citizens, anxious and willing to conform to the Landmarks, Rules, and Regulations of the Order, but who in consequence, I must say, of the neglect of the Grand Lodge, have been left to grope their way very much in the dark, obliged for instruction in the work to persons working entirely different from that laid down for the Brethren of this jurisdiction. Notwithstanding this state of things, I have found them all anxious to know what to do, and the right manner of doing it, with a sincere desire to conform strictly to the mode laid down.

During the season I have visited, accompanied by the Grand Officers, the Lodges at Lancaster and Harrisburg, and take this occasion to say that the

Craft in both places are represented by as bright a collection of Masons as I have ever seen congregated together; and the interest of the Order in their hands will never be allowed to suffer.

I have been much gratified in making frequent friendly visits to our city Lodges, and have also visited one of the Lodges in Reading, in all of which there is the strongest evidence that the right spirit is aroused, and that never has the prosperity of the Craft been more apparent than at this time. I may however, be allowed to caution the Brethren, and I do so without any intention of discouraging them, that there is much more danger to societies, as well as individuals, in prosperity than in adversity; and my advice to all is to be careful who are admitted to fellowship with us; remember that quality not quantity should be the great consideration; at the same time I would not wish to be understood as encouraging a disposition to use the black ball on all trifling occasions, not to gratify any personal feeling, but with the desire alone to add to the Order such only who will be an honor to it.

If circumstances will permit, I shall during the ensuing season visit as many of the country Lodges as possible, and would recommend that this system be carried out each year by my successors, being well satisfied that no other course is as well calculated to bind us together in the bonds of Masonic Love and regard.

The present mode of appointing Deputy District Grand Masters has engaged much of my attention. Much of the welfare of Lodges and the uniformity of the work depends upon a judicious selection for these important stations. The present mode is in my opinion very defective, the appointments being made immediately after the election of Grand Master, who having no time to inquire into the character and qualifications of the candidates, is obliged almost as a matter of necessity to reappoint those whom he may find in office, sometime those not the best qualified to attend to the interest of the Craft. How this difficulty can be best remedied I am not at present able to say, but I believe that if the Brethren of the Lodges in their several districts would meet together, and with a single eye to qualification and fitness recommend such only for appointment, much of the difficulty would be removed. I would also suggest that it should be required of the several Deputy District Grand Masters to meet the Grand Officers at some central point at least twice in each year for the purpose of consulting together, and thereby establishing a more uniform mode of conducting the business and labor of the Lodges than is at present in practice.

I congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the general prosperity of the Lodges within its jurisdiction. A number of new Lodges have been constituted during the past year, and in them as well as in the long established Lodges, the true spirit of Masonry appears to exist; the Lodges are well attended, and the zeal manifested is a certain evidence of the spread of true Masonic light.

The connection of this Grand Lodge with other Grand Lodges remains as heretofore. The difficulties in the New York Grand Lodge still exist, and I would recommend early attention to this subject by the Grand Lodge. Sometime back a committee was appointed in relation to this matter, and it is desirable that they should report to the Grand Lodge for its action at as early a day as possible.

The hope entertained of being able to meet on this occasion in our New Hall on Chestnut Street, has from unavoidable and unforeseen occurrences been disappointed, but from information derived from the Building Committee I have no doubt that early in the ensuing year we shall be able to accomplish that desirable subject. I learn from the Committee that the work is progressing as fast as they can urge it. They have met with many obstacles in the performance of their duty, especially a want of harmony among some of the Contractors, and also with the long delays that have been caused by the tardiness of the brown stone contractors in complying with their contract. It is the intention of the Committee to make report of the state of the work at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Finances of the Grand Lodge for 1854.

Receipts.

Dues, Rents of Lodges, Chapters, &c		$15,308 42
Warrants for New Lodges		651 00
From District Deputy Grand Masters		410 73
Rents—Third Street Hall		187 50
Chestnut Street Hall, old balance		104 50
From Wm. H. Adams, for		
Grand Lodge Certificates	$156 00	
Dispensations to Enter, Pass & Raise	700 00	
" Pass the Chair	885 00	
Sale of Ahiman Rezons	72 00	
		1,813 00
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1854		2,777 86
Total of		$21,253 01

Payments.

Interest	$5,553 00	
Taxes—Third Street Hall	225 00	
Chestnut Street	532 00	
Salaries of Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Tyler	1,621 00	
Visiting and Constituting Lodges	438 81	
Incidental Expenses*	1,460 03	
Investment in New Masonic Loan	10,000 00	
		19,829 84
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1855		$1,423 17

* This includes Gas, Water, Coal, Printing, New Set of Registers, Writing Complimentary Resolutions and framing the same, repairs to Hall, South Third Street, amount paid to Mrs. Atkinson, and Expenses of Laying Corner Stone.

New Masonic Loan.

Received on account of ditto		$92,870 62
Paid as follows,		
On Warrant of Building Committee	$76,053 85	
Loss on sale of Stocks	1,253 00	
To Sinking Fund for amount of Balance of Old Loan	10,112 61	
		87,419 46
Balance		$5,451 16

Girard Bequest.

From a report of the Stewards of Girard's Bequest, I find that the sum of $2,240 has been distributed, of which 60 applicants in this jurisdiction have received $1,630, and 27 applicants from other parts have received $610.

Six applicants have deceased during the year.

The aid afforded through this charity to respectable and worthy Brethren is gratifying, and the ability to do should keep alive our feelings of respect and veneration for the memory of the worthy Bro. Girard, who amidst the great variety of his occupations could find time to remember his poor and destitute Brethren.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

From an examination of the report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, I find the state of the Fund as follows:

100 shares New Masonic Loan, 6 p. c.		$5,000 00
District of Southwark Loan, 5		700 00
Bond and Mortgage Lot in Germantown, 6		3,200 00
Ground Rent, Lot Chester, Del. Co. 6		354 16
		$9,254 16
Interest due July 1, 1855		
On 92 shares N. M. Loan, 1 year	$276 00	
8 " " 4 mos.	8 00	
Ground Rent Chester 9 mos.	10 62	
		$294 62
Balance in Treasurer's hands, $258.61.		
Amount paid to 34 applicants for relief		$285 00

The report shows a gradual increase of the Fund during the past year.

During the past year eight new Lodges have been constituted, viz.:

286, at Columbia,	Lancaster	county.
287, Pittsburg,	Allegheny	"
288, Allegheny City	"	"
289, Philadelphia,	Philadelphia	"
290, West Greenville,	Mercer	"
291, Scranton,	Luzerne	"
292, Frankford,	Philadelphia	"
293, Huntingdon,	Huntingdon	"

Nos. 286, 289, and 292 I have, accompanied by the Grand Officers, personally constituted.

I am much gratified in believing that they are all destined to shed around them the light and intelligence of heaven-born charity and benevolence.

The visit and constituting of the Lodge at Scranton I have already alluded to; I will here add that previous to leaving the City to attend to that duty, I requested the Grand Secretary to notify the Officers and Members of the Lodges in that vicinity to meet the Grand Officers at Scranton, to assist in the labors of the day, and in accordance with this notice upon our arrival at that place, we found a large collection of Brethren from the neighborhood awaiting us, to whose cordial welcome I wish to record my sincere acknowledgment.

The visit of the Grand Officers to this place will I have no doubt be long remembered not only by them but by the Brethren there, as one of true and pure Masonic greeting.

Lodges 287, 288, 290 and 293 were constituted by the respective District Deputy Grand Masters.

Other applications are still before the Committee of Grand Officers. The applicants being chiefly New York made Masons, the Committee have passed them over for the present, with the hope that the Grand Lodge will shortly be able to act upon the report of the Committee on New York difficulties.

I would recommend, as has been repeatedly done by my predecessors, a revision of the Ahiman Rezon; as it now is, it is of very little use in the regulation of the Craft. Its provisions are much confused, and as a necessary consequence, different decisions upon the same matter are made by different Grand Masters; this should not be, and if it were referred to a Committee of experienced Brethren, much good would be the result.

Having thus, my Brethren, given you some of my views in relation to the best interests of the Order, with a general statement of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, it only now remains for me to commend you and myself to the guardian care of the great Grand Master above.

After which he was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS.

Bro. Charles W. Cooper, of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. David E. Stout, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Montgomery.

Bro. George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. James Madison Porter, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton, Carbon, and Lehigh.

Bro. Grantham J. Taggart, of Sunbury, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia, and Montour.

Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, York, Franklin, and Cumberland.

Bro. John Creswell, Jr., of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, and Mifflin.

Bro. James Armor, of Centre, for the Counties of Clinton, Lycoming, and Centre.

Bro. James S. Hoon, of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Allegheny, Westmoreland, and Beaver.

Bro. Robert E. Brown, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Butler, Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, and Lawrence.

Bro. Robert C. Simpson, of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford, Wyoming, Susquehanna, and Tioga.

Bro. R. A. Oakford, of Scranton, for the Counties of Luzerne and Wayne.

Bro. Ammi Bond, of Conneautsville, for the Counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer, and Warren.

Bro. Thomas Dungan, of Fayette, for the Counties of Washington, Greene, and Fayette.

Grand Chaplains.

For the City of Philadelphia: Rev. Bros. John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, John L. Burrows, H. W. Ducachet, Ezra S. Ely, J. Dixon Bowen.

For other portions of the State: Rev. Bros. George P. M'Ilroy, J. Killekelly, M. P. Jamison, R. Deshea Morris, William Cooper, Daniel Washburn.

Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. Gustavus Remak.
Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. Richard Vaux.
Grand Stewards—Bros. Chas. Bard Reese and R. Stirling Wilson.
Grand Marshal—Alfred P. Hesser.
Grand Sword Bearer—Jacob Laudenslager.
Grand Pursuivant—Horace L. Peterson.
Grand Tyler—William B. Schnider.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bros. William English, John Bradley, James Kelley, James W. Martien, and James B. Baggs.

Committee of Finance.

Bros. George Smith, Joseph S. Riley, George H. Oliver, Daniel Thompson, and Francis Blackburne.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bros. William Badger, James B. Chandler, and William H. Klapp.

Committee on By-Laws.

Brothers William Whitney, William H. Adams, and Robert Frazer.

Committee to Examine the Transactions of Last Year, and Select for Publication.

Bros. Joshua Mitchell, George Griscom, and D. C. Skerrett.

Hall Committee.

Bros. Harman Baugh, Washington Heimberger and Albert B. Ashton.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Samuel Badger, Joseph R. Chandler, William Barger, and James Page.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. John L. Goddard, Jacob Mayer, Joseph S. Langer, Stephen Taylor, M. Cartwright, John Coates, George P. Little (in place of Bro. Edmund Barrington, who declined a re-appointment), William E. Ewing, John Martin Thomas Roney, Joseph Moore, E. P. Lescure, B. Franklin Jackson, Jacob Steiner, Albert R. Fœring, John McCloud, John G. Sharp, John H. Casey, Abraham West, Charles Frishmuth, Jacob H. Squib, John M. Davenport, James Ferguson, M. Bouvier, Joseph T. Thomas, William Leach, George Thomson, Thomas Graham.

COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING AND FITTING UP THE NEW HALL.

To consult with Committees from Gr. Chapter and Gr. Encampment so far as regards the furnishing rooms for their use.

Bros. Robert P. King, John Thornley, Francis Blackburne, Henry Howell, and David Jayne.

COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE RENTING OF STORES IN NEW HALL.

Bros. James Shields, Harman Baugh, Washington Heimberger, Gustavus Remak, and William Conrad.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary appointed Bro. WILLIAM H. NICHOLS, Deputy Grand Secretary.

On motion of Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, and duly seconded, that the address delivered by the R. W. Grand Master this morning be published and distributed amongst the subordinate Lodges.

On motion of Past Grand Master Bro. James Page and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, that an additional member be added to the new Building Committee and that said Committee have power to receive and accept any resignations which may occur.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Master draw his order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the new Masonic Loans for such amount as may be required to pay the interest on the new Loan falling due the first day of January next 1855.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 258 in relation to remission of indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. When

on motion said communication was referred to Committee on Finance and to report.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors: Bros. Henry A. Barton, No. 2; Robert M. Wheeler, No. 19; A. C. Thomas, No. 130; George Blackford, No. 131; Gustavus Eckendorf, No. 134; Samuel Bradbury, No. 289; W. H. Gibson, No. 111, N. C.; J. H. Quinn, No. 61, Ohio.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 12 o'clock, noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

[From *Public Ledger*, Philadelphia, Wednesday, October 1, 1851.]

OBSEQUIES OF STEPHEN GIRARD.

Grand Parade of the Masonic Order.—Ceremonies at the Girard College.

Agreeably to the arrangements of the city authorities, the remains of Stephen Girard, which were removed in January last, from the vault, at Holy Trinity Church, were reinterred yesterday with solemn ceremonies, at Girard College, in the marble sarcophagus, placed for the purpose in the vestibule of the College at the rear of the statue of the distinguished deceased. The procession was one of the largest which the Order ever made in this city. The respectability and standing of those composing it was the subject of remark on all hands. The members of the Grand Lodge were clothed in their rich purple and gold regalia, while the members of the Blue Lodges were attired in black suits, with blue silk sashes, white kid gloves, and white aprons trimmed with blue ribbon. The uniformity of dress of the members of the Fraternity, which was enjoined by the Grand Lodge, was generally observed, and tended greatly to heighten the effective appearance of the cortege. The various subordinate lodges met at different points, at 9 o'clock, forenoon, and proceeded to the Hall, south Third street, where they formed into line, according to the date of their institution; the left being in front. These arrangements necessarily occupied considerable time, and were performed by the special aids of the Grand Marshal. The line, at 11 o'clock, moved down to South Street and countermarched on the east side of Third St.

Order of the Procession.

The Lodges marched in the following order:—

Pennsylvania Cornet Band. Grand Marshal, James B. Baggs; Shekinah Lodge, No. 246; Chandler Lodge, No. 227; Kensington Lodge, No. 211; Integrity Lodge, No. 187; Freeman's Washington Band, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186; Meridian Sun, No. 158; Schuylkill Lodge, of Schuylkill Co., No. 138; Franklin Lodge, No. 134; Frankford Brass Band. Phœnix Lodge, No. 130; Rising Star, No. 126; Herman, No. 125; Union, No. 121; St. John's, No. 115; Solomon's Lodge, No. 114; Columbia Lodge, No. 91; Hiram Lodge, No. 81; Bailey's Independent Brass Band. Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72; Lafayette Lodge, No. 71; Concordia Lodge, No. 67; Washington Lodge, No. 59; Harmony Lodge, No. 52; Lodge No. 51; Lodge No. 43, of Lancaster; Bristol Lodge, No. 25; Beck's Philadelphia Band. Montgomery Lodge, No. 19; Lodge No. 9; Lodge No. 2; Lodge No. 3 having the left of the subordinate Lodges; the deceased having been a member. The Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund came next, and were followed by the Philadelphia Gray's Band. The Grand Lodge occupied the left, as the post of honor, and at the City Hall were joined by the members of the City Councils and officers of the Corporation.

The aggregate number of members of the subordinate Lodges in the line was 1495. The Grand Lodge numbered 24 members making a total of 1519 of the Masonic fraternity. The City Councils and other gentlemen at the rear of the procession added 49 to this, and the six bands contained not less than 100 performers, making a grand total of 1668.

As the procession moved along Walnut Street, from Third to Fourth, the Jersey City Continental Guards, with the admirable band accompanying them, and the companies escorting the corps to the several places of interest about the city, were drawn into line, and viewed the solemn cortege wending its way to the scene of the solemn and impressive ceremonies.

Ceremonies at the College.

The procession moved up Chestnut street to Twelfth, up Twelfth to the Ridge road, and up the Ridge road to the College, where it arrived a short time before one o'clock. Here a large number of the Marshal's police were stationed, under their proper officers, to keep off the crowd, and allow the Fraternity to pass in at the main gate without obstruction. The police performed this duty well, and without any confusion, and the head of the procession passed in and around the immense walks of the College ground, going nearly the whole circuit before the rear arrived within the enclosure. The ranks then opened and the Grand Lodge, the Corporate Authorities and the remains of Girard, passed through the lines, making the full circuit of the walks, and passing to the front and East side of the main building of the College.

The remains of the deceased were contained in a handsome coffin, covered with black cloth and a Masonic apron, and were borne by twelve Past Masters of the Order. On arriving at the platform on the eastern side of the main building, they were placed in front of the speaker's stand, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, civil authorities, stewards, and a number of others took their places on the staging, behind and around the bier. The main body of the Order were then brought into close column, or mass, between the staging and the College, where they stood to hear the oration. The several movements of the line inside the enclosure, in passing from the gate to the stage, over the winding paths, were exceedingly picturesque, and displayed the whole body to great advantage.

When the procession had formed in front of the speaker's stand, and the Orphans, to the number of three hundred, were arranged on the steps of the College, a Masonic Dirge, composed expressly for the occasion, by Dr. W. P. Cunnington, the accomplished Leader of the Orchestra of the Walnut Street Theatre, was performed by Beck's Philadelphia Brass Band, assisted by several of the members of Dr. Cunnington's Orchestra, and some of Freeman's Washington and the Pennsylvania Cornet Bands. The music is a beautiful piece of composition, solemn, impressive and grand, and was performed in an excellent manner, on thirty-one instruments. At the conclusion of the dirge, the Hon. Joseph R. Chandler delivered, in a clear and distinct voice the following

Oration.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia:

We come to bury and to praise the dead.

We are here to deposit in a fitting tomb, the remains of a public benefactor, and to present some of the claims which his memory has to the grateful consideration of our community, and to the respect of society. We have not seized a moment of sudden affliction, when the freshness of deprivation makes sorrow eloquent in eulogy of the departed. We have not taken the will of the dead man and read it to the people that they might make his intentions for their good the subject of commendatory tears. Nearly one-fifth of a century has passed away since Stephen Girard ceased to be of the living; and the execution of his testament has enabled men to judge of the character of his legacy; and society has now come to comprehend the extent of its obligation to the deceased, and to appreciate the praise which his merits excite.

The corporation of the city of Philadelphia, the residuary legatee of Stephen Girard, in discharge of duties as final administrator of his estate, resolved to deposit in their permanent resting place, the remains of that distinguished citizen, and judiciously selected from all the vast possessions which the city holds from his bequest, the vestibule of the College which his philanthropy conceived—which his genius planned—and which his liberality endowed. Above him are the halls where science is to connect his name with the benefit of mankind, and below him are the sustaining arches of the beautiful temple which time can scarcely affect—which no convulsions, excepting those which shall shake the earth, can destroy.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania appears, at the invitation of the city, to perform, with Masonic solemnities, the rites of sepulture to a brother, who living, loved and honored the institution, and dying, made it an almoner of his bounty; blessing the Order by his commendation and confidence, and blessing the Brethren by the munificence of his generosity.

In the long list of those who have identified themselves with our city's history, and promoted her prosperity, no name is more conspicuous than that of Stephen Girard. From the humblest position which trade and manufactures present, he rose by industry to the loftiest rank of mercantile distinction. He made illustrious the pursuits of commerce by that success which scarcely fails to follow the efforts of the merchant who plans his business with understanding and pursues it with that fixed principle which knows no variation but in the details of its execution, and only admits of modification in *them* to suit the fluctuation of the political affairs of nations. The commercial history of the country, and the pages of our national biography, are the appropriate places for the record of the actions, the life and character of Stephen Girard as a merchant; and philosophy and patriotism will, ere long, connect his name with those of the nation's benefactors; and the moralist will find delight in tracing back the improved condition of society to the wisdom, foresight and liberal philanthropy of Philadelphia's "Mariner and Merchant."

The great length of time which has elapsed since the death of Mr. Girard allows us to separate his name and his character from the thousand exaggera-

tions with which they have been mingled, and has removed that mist which has distorted and disturbed his fame at the time of his decease. We may now estimate with accuracy the qualities of his mind, and judge with greater correctness of the motives by which he was influenced in his plans of business and philanthropy, for it is as a philanthropist, not less than a business man (a merchant in the extended sense of that comprehensive term) that Mr. Girard is to be regarded by all future generations—and all future generations are to have an interest in his fame as a merchant and as as a philanthropist.

The characteristics of Stephen Girard, as a merchant, were caution, settled plan, perseverance. His success was almost invariably connected with and consequent upon his plans. He never realized any accidental profits, no wild speculation of his ever excited the derision of his contemporaries, and no adoption of the implements of the Frigid Zone ever brought him wealth from the tropics. He surprised more by the calculations of his voyages than by the unexpected results, for the calculations carried along with them evidences of correctness; and his plans for an opening trade, if seen before their execution, were like the calculations of Leverrier for the unseen planet, conveying proof of the vigor of intellect by which the elements had her combined, while they left no doubt of the certainty of the results.

There is prevalent an opinion that the successful merchant is only a lucky man; that extended commerce is only an augmentation of the incalculable power of chances, and that the gains of one or many voyages are the gifts of a blind fortune, that lavishes without regard to merit, and allows no relation of means to ends.

This is, of course, an error; an error resulting from the inability of unmercantile men to comprehend the calculations of extensive and complicated voyages; or the inability of many mercantile men to combine all the elements of calculation that enter into the plans of such voyages. The entire dependence of the success of Mr. Girard's mercantile undertakings upon his own plans, might be shown by thousands of instances, derived from the history of his business life, (which was indeed, his whole life,) but that dependence may be inferred from the case in which he hedged about every position of his scheme, and took from his agents all discretionary power; with him the qualification for agency was obedience. His plan of voyage was not the mere shipment of merchandise to a foreign port, with instructions to invest in produce, to be immediately returned. His schemes were vast, and the chain of calculation extensive, every link of which was dependent on its antecedent and every result consequent upon the proper performance of each part. No dependence on accident marked the plans, or induced conditional instruction to agents. He, from his humble retreat in Water street, surveyed the condition and weighed the wants of various nations; in the stupendous language of Scripture, "he stood and measured the earth," and from the silence of his retired counting-room there issued orders that sent from port to port and exchanged between kingdom and kingdom the varied produce of diverse climes, and brought back to our own wharves the rich results of the far reaching calculations for the extended voyage.

The early pursuits of Mr. Girard were eminently promotive of the success of his later years, as they gave him a personal acquaintance with all the cir-

cumstances and requirements of marine life, and enabled him to have perfect command of his own ships, by providing for their entire *personnel*, and for the munition of every department, making all his own, and supplying all. I know that in all these things Mr. Girard has been called a hard man, severe in his exactions, and close in his expenditures. This is not the place to reply in full to such charges. It is easier to admit their truth, and to ask whether the character of the merchant is complete which lacks the minuteness of economy, and whether the merchant can hope to be just to others, who does not require fidelity, punctuality, justice and obedience in his agents. Nay, whether, on the whole, the habit and the character of agents formed under such exactions, are not, in the end, more advantageous to themselves, than are those influenced by no established system, but exposed to fluctuations of chance, and subject to results of which they could have no anticipation, and for which they may be held accountable.

To an American merchant the honor of Commerce must be chiefly in its honest individual profit. We have no combination that allows of extensive losses to defeat the efforts of individual enterprise, and more is due to the value of the cargo in the hold, than to any flag that represents aught less than national sovereignty.

As a *mariner*, Stephen Girard takes his place with those who understood the art of navigation, and the business and properties of a ship husband. Had his knowledge extended farther, he might, like Bowditch, have dropped the designation of mariner, and have assumed or received one of higher import, move expressive of the knowledge and practice of astronomical science.

As a *merchant*, caution, prudence, economy, foresight, distinguished Stephen Girard. Yielding to all the exact requirements of carefully prepared contracts, he demanded in turn the fulfillment of all conditions on his own behalf. He knew well that the profits of an enterprise must in part depend upon the limitation of expenditure in its prosecution and having fixed the outlay, he made such contracts an element of the calculations of a voyage. Ready to mete out justice to his agents, even where losses had accrued, he had a right to demand, nay, it was a duty to his business to exact justice from those agents, whatever may have been the profit of his enterprise.

It was thus as "mariner and merchant" that Stephen Girard acquired his great wealth.

As a *patriot*, a public spirited citizen, ready to assist the nation in its exigencies, and to promote any public work that would profit the commonwealth, Stephen Girard stands as conspicuous for the liberal *use* of great wealth, as among merchants he was noticeable for the acquisition and possession of that wealth. His will cites the instances of his large subscriptions to national loans, at times when public credit was drooping, and the necessities of the Government most pressing. The national treasury felt his power for national good.

The means of internal commerce in Pennsylvania owe much of their progress and improvement to the enlarged views and liberal contributions of Mr. Girard. These were, on the whole, unprofitable investments for him

but generally they served to promote public convenience and augment the facilities of trade. Wherever the demand was urgent to give impetus to public enterprise, or to sustain it when drooping, Mr. Girard's means were bestowed—bestowed in liberal subscriptions; and it detracts nothing from the merits of his contributions, that his enlarged enterprise connected his own advantage with whatever concerned the public good.

But Stephen Girard was a *philanthropist.* He fully earned that title and the eulogist may fairly prefer, and can triumphantly vindicate, a claim that Stephen Girard be ranked with those who possess the spirit of true benevolence and who are influenced by that spirit in the uses of time and wealth. The building, in whose portico we stand; this institution, whose premises we occupy, the public and private charities that derived means through the testament of Mr. Girard, all bear testimony to his true philanthropy.

But, for the present, I receive the depreciating insinuation that these posthumous liberalities cost little to the contributor who can no longer enjoy his wealth, and that ambition of enternising his name may have influenced the disposition of his fortune. I receive this antagonistic plea for the present, because, I confess, that the mere bestowal of wealth to benevolent institutions by testamentary provisions, may not always be expressive of general philanthropy; nay, it may sometimes not even denote special affection for the objects to be promoted by the legacy. It may signify a selection of them as recipients of his bounty, because they will serve as conductors of the name and fame of the testator. The credit of Stephen Girard as a philanthropist is to be sustained by acts long anterior to the conception of an idea of such a College as this, and by the spirit of benevolence evident in the peculiar disposition of his wealth, and the motives and conditions of the legacies. Without these, without the evidences of sacrificing philanthropy during his life, and without proof in each portion of his last will, that the spirit of benevolence was brooding over his schemes of usefulness we confess that whatever admiration we might entertain for the munificence of his endowment, we should not have admitted the act as a proof the donor's philanthropy.

True philanthropy is a fixed, permanent, principle of action, and its existence will be manifested in the conduct of its possessor, not merely when its exercise is a work of necessity or convenience, but when it involves the cost of that which is most precious—wealth, time, life itself. Are the life and conduct of Stephen Girard distinguished by evidence of such a principle? I claim in his behalf the credit of its full exercise, and I cite not the amount of his pecuniary contribution as an evidence of his characteristic liberality. The rich may often purchase lasting credit by contributions, and they may enrich themselves with fame by a timely tithing of their possessions in seasons of public calamity, but such deeds are, of necessity, no more a proof of the spirit of benevolence, of true philanthropy, than was the offer of Simon of Samaria to purchase from the Apostles the Holy Spirit, a proof of piety and grace in that worldly-minded man. The eulogist of Stephen Girard, aware of his immense means to purchase credit for benevolence with money, yet looks (notwithstanding the argument that might be founded on his love for that money) to other and more costly outlays. Whatever even of wealth accumulated in the coffers of Stephen Girard, and whatever of affection he

entertained for these coffers he was no exception to the Scriptural rule that "all that a man hast will he give for his life." Yet we find him amid the terrors of the yellow fever, where death was crowding the burying fields with his harvest, and garnering to himself the fullest sheaves from his terrible reaping hook, leaving business (if indeed sickness and death had not for the time banished trade) and giving himself and his experience to the holy office of administering the public provision for the sufferers and of watching and serving at the bed of the miserable.

It was no parade of devotion, no ostentatious display, that had its stimulant in love of distinction and found its reward in public notice. But it was the quiet, self-sacrificing spirit of philanthropy that manifested itself in the stifling influences of a pestilential atmosphere—in the loneliness of the chamber where wasted away the stranger, whose relations and friends had been struck down by death; or who from horror of the exhibition and fear of the consequences had "forsaken him and fled." There over the bed of putrid disease and accumulated contagion, wholly unobserved or seen only by some kindred spirit, the life-loving mariner, the money-craving merchant leaned in perfect abrogation of self and administered the prescribed remedy to the sufferer or wiped from his brow the clammy death sweat and closed those eyes whose last gleam was one of gratitude and blessing to his benefactor. On the walls of this building there is suspended a simple certificate of public approval and gratitude for the services of Stephen Girard during the prevalence of the yellow fever in Philadelphia. It is the diploma of Mastership to Philanthropy and presents the source and nature of the acts by which that man's name is now blended with those who have done honor to our city and to humanity. But, if Stephen Girard was animated by so true a spirit of philanthropy in the risk of life to preserve the sick, in the bestowal of wealth to educate the poor, why did he not also extend the operations of that spirit and assist in many other works of benevolence that lacked his care and languished for support?

Almost all men bestow their aid where circumstances direct their sympathies. Why did not the warm-hearted citizen who gave money to erect a church in Southwark and devoted time and wealth to the Sunday School Union, why did he not assist the funds of the Pennsylvania Hospital? And why does not he who directs his income into the channels of the Colonization enterprise, diffuse his charity with greater impartiality? I need not say that no income in this country will allow its possessor to be the patron of all enlarged combinations for extensive benevolence; and no circumstances of a single individual are likely to induce in him a strong and directing influence towards a considerable number of charities. To be efficient men must be enthusiastic, and to be enthusiastic, men must have a special, a peculiar motive, springing out of their own experience, their own attainments, their own special possession or their own wants. For ordinary purposes the diffused rays of the Sun are sufficient; for special objects they must be concentrated.

Do we not find in the circumstances of Stephen Girard, his early history, his boyish struggles, his manly efforts, and his age's experience, that which seems connected with all his liberality as cause is with effect? When amid

the ravages of the yellow fever in our city Stephen Girard was seen quitting his place of business, where wealth if it was his God was to be obtained and worshipped, and hiding himself in the chamber of squalid misery, and performing those offices from which friends and relatives shrunk away in terror and disgust, or when he was seen in the temporary hospital beyond the city limits ministering to the convalescent or soothing the anguish of the dying. When every morning sun engendered disease and every evening breeze bore pestilence on its wings, do you not see the sympathies of a sufferer in a tropical clime excelled by corresponding sufferings and made useful by a remembrance of his former wants and the kindness or the neglect of others?

In the guardianship which he exercised over lads indentured to him in his character of Mariner through most of his business life we easily discover the scores of danger to the young which his own experience excited and his acquaintance with the snares that beset the path of the sea boy in a foreign port, or when let loose from discipline after a homeward voyage. In the endowment of schools, but most of all in his provisions for this college and the minute directions for the character of the instruction to be given here we are presented all means to judge of the wants of the great benefactor of the poor and can trace in all his directions for studies, not his knowledge of books, not his attainments, but his painfully acquired knowledge of the wants that beset the man of enterprise who starts without primary education and is endebted to his own experience in success or failure for that information by which his schemes are to be made useful. We discover in all the directions for scientific and moral instruction to the pupils, and in the obligations imposed of rearing them to productive pursuits, the experience of one who had felt the evils of a class out of which many talents are taken for education, but to which so few return with their acquired mental stores.

But look at all the distinguishing features of Mr. Girard's benevolence and you find the better experience of the man dictating and providing means to sweeten the experience of others. You will see wherever vast efforts and great deprivations have resulted in good to him, he has sought to diffuse the same advantages without the corresponding probation, and preliminary difficulties.

It is a beautiful feature in the character of Stephen Girard's benevolence that his sense of kindness and favors received is manifested by liberal bequests to those by whom, or through whom these advantages were extended, and corporations, societies and individuals are made recipients of magnificent tokens of his gratitude. The closing flower sent up its fragrance to the power by whose warmth its petals had been expanded. And more than this, his sufferings, his wrongs, his endurance, his mortifications and temporary defeats, led him to provide against such evils to others. The crushed flower poured out its odors upon the plants where lowliness hid them from the expanding and maturing influences of the sunlight.

But Stephen Girard did assist almost every enterprise which bore upon it the stamp of extensive public benevolence. His contributions were frequent and large, and sometimes made when his own mind had not been fully satisfied as to their entire practicability. He was willing to trust to the judgment of others when it was evident that no wrong was intended, and that good might result. He knew well that much of the contributions to schemes of

benevolence owe their good effects to the direction which may given to them, by those who are willing to be Almoners, and he did not distrust the powers of others, nor weaken their means of usefulness by distrusting public confidence in their ability to do good. It cannot be denied that Mr. Girard preferred those plans which looked to the direct support of the aged and the infirm, and the elevation of the views and the melioration of the mental condition of the young; and when he volunteered assistance it was usually in such directions as will be seen in some of the items of his will. But I repeat the idea he rarely set up his own views against the matured plans of others; and proofs could be adduced of the liberality of his assistance to associations, corporations and societies, whose particular views were quite at variance with his own and whose plan of doing good would never have been adopted by him. Nay perhaps his liberal contributions thereto may rather be regarded as confidence in the good intentions of the members, than approval of the views and symbols of their association. He who would be extensively useful in society must manifest faith in others and cast his bread upon the waters whose channels he may not altogether approve—at least not fully understand.

And this may be the proper place to notice the often repeated remark that Mr. Girard's will contains no provision for assisting or promoting special religious education and divine worship. I have before remarked that the philanthropic character of Mr. Girard's mind is not to be appreciated alone from the benevolence manifested in the testamentary disposal of his wealth, the mere direction of that which he could no longer hold; but that all his antecedent life must be examined for judgment upon the proclivity of his disposition and that judgment must be rendered upon general testimony, of which the evidence of the will might be a part, if it be in concurrence with his anterior life, but only in such concurrence, and that fully and continually. It is from no sudden impulse, no sporadic instances of liberality, that we are to impute fixed benevolence.

When we examine the will of Stephen Girard it must be confessed that no item thereof includes bequests for what is denominated religious purposes, as considered separate from those of morality philanthropy, charity, learning; and the sectarian, judging only by the evidence of that instrument may mourn the peculiarity of a man who had so much to give to his fellow man, so little to God; or at least, evinced so much anxiety for temporal advantages, so little for spiritual improvement; and all this from the absence of any bequest towards religious objects. But we challenge for Mr. Girard high praise, on the very grounds of liberal bestowments on religious associations. I assert upon the testimony of one whose peculiar associations with Mr. Girard insured to him the means of judging, that Mr. Girard was a frequent and liberal contributor to the funds for erecting and maintaining houses for divine worship—that his charities (I use the term in its best sense) his charities were large and diffusive, and few men, if any in Philadelphia gave more for the maintenance of the decencies of divine worship and no single individual, I venture to say, did the multitudinous divisions of worshippers in our city owe so much for means of erecting and sustaining their temples of devotion, as to Stephen Girard in his lifetime.

But does the spirit of gratitude, manifested with liberal bequests to those who had aided him, or the perpetuation of benefactions—of legacies to those whom he had aided, count for nothing?

Do the liberal donations to the benevolent societies of which he was a member; does the establishment of a home and provision for the education and support of thousands of orphans, by which the widows' heart is made glad; do the disposal of the means of comfort to the "indigent room-keepers" and all the provisions of his will that contemplated and provide for the melioration of moral and physical distress; do they not denote a mind influenced by so much love of man, as to partake somewhat of the love of God? And inasmuch as he has done the incalculable good to one, the least of these little ones, ought we not to believe that he has done it to—ought we not at least to hope that it will be accepted and rewarded by Him who is the father of the fatherless, who showed what was the benevolence he required, when he took little children into his arms and blessed them, and gave us an example of Christian morals which we hope to follow, and which he will approve when he fed the hungry, clothed the naked and ministered to the afflicted and diseased.

I will not say that such a wide range of active charity may not have diminished the fame of him who executed it. And I can well believe that he found, in its very diffusiveness its highest rewards, and believed, heartily believed, that he was in the way of duty when he strengthened the hands of those, who, whatever may have been the antagonism of their ends, aimed avowedly and evidently at the promotion of "Sound Morals" and professed to be influenced "by the purest benevolence."

It is the dictate of the faith we profess, that to the actor the efficacy of good works such as we have imputed to Mr. Girard is dependent upon the spirit in which they are conceived. But it is no less true that the credit of a life of good deeds should not be diminished by the impeachment of motives of which only omniscience can judge. We have a right to impute lofty credit to, and claim respect and admiration for, the acts of Stephen Girard, and leave the judgment upon his secret motives in that depository in which he was content to place them—

"The bosom of his Father and his God."

The numerous personal bequests of Mr. Girard it is admitted, belonged to a "will" because his own hand could and did administer the liberality while he lived, and the unostentatious mode of conferring the benefit suited his character, while the frequency of the act multiplied his pleasure by gratifying his benevolence.

But, it is asked, if the College which he contemplated, and which has since been established under his Will, was so important in his estimation, in its immediate beneficial operation upon the children of the poor, and prospectively upon society, by infusing learning and pure morals more extensively into the laboring classes, why did he not in his lifetime turn from the pursuits of business and the gathering of its gains and establish this great school so that it could earlier promote his beneficial objects and gratify him by the evidence of its utility?

The mere apologist of Stephen Girard would say that he evinced his sagacity in retaining the uses of his wealth while he might need it for himself.

The mere apologist would say that the world had seen too many Lears mourning for the comforts of that wealth and power with which they had weakly parted; that it would have been ridiculous to multiply the instances of men "who begged their bread o'er fields their valor won." There was enough in the example of the Italian who, in his straightened old age, petitioned in vain for admission to the hospital which the prodigal benevolence of his youth had founded. No such small motive, no such narrow calculation, no such self distrust influenced Stephen Girard. He was an accomplished merchant and had full confidence in his abilities and his instruments; he never distrusted the powers which through a long life had never failed. He never doubted that it was as easy for him to renew, as to augment his wealth.

But with all his self-reliance as a merchant, with all his confidence in his own sagacity in commerce, Stephen Girard was a modest man, eminently distrustful of himself in all that did not pertain to a subject in which he had been fairly tried and fully sustained. He knew that the poor children needed more than mere schooling, he felt that they required education which should include mental discipline and moral culture, with constant watchfulness; and he knew that the circumstances of the orphan boy admitted of no such advantages without some special provision and nothing but princely wealth could even begin to put in operation a plan which should be sufficiently comprehensive to produce any effect upon society.

This Mr. Girard knew; but he knew also, and let him have the immense credit for that knowledge so rare in man, he knew that he was incapable of the details of such an institution, incapable of directing it towards the end which he contemplated. He had been a skilfull Mariner, a successful merchant and an eminent banker; but he had no knowledge of the arts and mysteries of schoolmastership; and perhaps distrustful of his own forbearance, when the opinion of the practical man might be opposed to his own, he preferred leaving the execution of his vast designs, and the application of his immense means to persons professedly educated for that art; and postponing it to a time when no anxiety on his part or want of full knowledge of the means to produce the glorious ends, should exist to disturb the well laid plans of the *Executive*, and thus jeopard the objects to which the produce of his life's labor had been devoted.

How extensive must have been the views of Mr. Girard touching this College, how minute his inquiries, how great his knowledge with regard to all the plans and administration of this institution. How extensive and varied must they have been to lead him to the conclusion that he was ignorant of the art of directing it. The details of this school are, we believe, in entire conformity with the extended plans of its founder; yet nothing but a special adaption of talents and learning to the peculiarity of the institution, and an undisturbed administration of the plan, can ever educe therefrom the benefits to individuals and society which were contemplated in its establishment.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Corporation of the City.

The bones of the city's benefactor seek their repose. You have come to do the funeral honors of an ancient and useful member of your municipal body. You have expressed the city's gratitude for the vast endowments with which

his munificence enriched her. You, by your presence here do honor to the memory of a citizen whose devotion to the suffering in the day of calamity poured lustre on the city's history and the name of man. By your presence here you show that you appreciate the distinction of being the almoners of a bounty that has no equal in the annals of human bequests. It is a source of just pride to you that as the representatives of the people of Philadelphia you who are the guardians of the sacred temple of Independence are the curators and directors of the Girard College for Orphans, and hereafter the patriot and philanthropist who pauses over the riches of our beautiful city, will rekindle his love of country as he pauses at the cradle of our nation's independence and will gratify his love of man as he contemplates in the tomb and college of Stephen Girard the nursery of human intellect and of pure benevolence.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Brethren of the Masonic Order.

How easily, how naturally, do we connect a consideration of such virtues as we to-day commemorate, with our beloved institution. How readily we find in the principles of our craft the motives of such lofty charities. Not, my brethren in the immensity of the bequest, do we discover the cause of felicitation, but in the spirit that inspired the vast provision, and worked in all the suggestions of detail. Not alone the millions with which that princely liberality endowed this college, but the views, the feelings and motives of bestowal command our admiration. Mark the great testator's direction expressed indeed, only in the form of a "desire," but in such a form, showing more his real, hearty wish, than would a positive command—"My desire is," says Brother Girard, "that all the instructors and teachers in the College shall take pains to instill into the minds of the scholars the purest principles of morality, so that on their entrance into active life, they may, from inclination and habit, evince benevolence towards their fellow creatures, and a love of truth, sobriety, and industry." What a spirit of benevolence! What enlarged philanthropy! That man without the forms of initiation, had been our brother, if without the spirit which initiation promotes, he could have felt such benevolence.

Beautifully appropriate is the exhibition of this day, and the presence and services of the Grand Lodge, on the occasion; most meet is it that one who so illustrated the virtues of our craft, should receive its distinctions; and, as in in his life he shrunk with morbid sensibility from all public manifestations of respect, it is due to his virtues, and to our ability to appreciate them, that we should bestow these posthumous honors. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania owes much of its great power to do good "especially to the household of faith," to the liberal bequests of Brother Girard; and while we gratefully refer to this munificent endowment, it is a part of the pleasure we have in its use, that it came to us in a spirit of abiding love for our craft and respect for the principles of the institution.

No accidental recollection of our existence and of his connection with us induced the testamentary benefit. Stephen Girard was an Ancient Mason in every sense of that most significant term. He became a member of Lodge No. 3, in this city, on the 7th day of September, 1778, with a full knowledge

of all the rights and obligations of Free Masonry, and from the distant moment of his initiation until called off from labor, he maintained his membership in his particular Lodge, and cherished a fondness for the craft and improved the best occasions to express his regard for the institution and to promote its usefulness. In the hour of our greatest difficulty his purse was open for ou assistance. When our beautiful temple had been laid waste by fire, his gratuitous contribution manifested his attachment to our principles and the liberality of his loans proclaimed his abiding confidence in the usefulness and indestructibility of Masonry.

The princely legacy which we hold from his estate—and hold too with such directions for its application as show his jealousy for our honor, as well as his love for our principles, is not only an evidence of his estimate of the good of which our Order is capable, but it is a grateful acknowledgment of the benefits which we had derived from the craft.

I am authorized to say—authorized by a brother whose personal and professional relations with Brother Girard entitled him to his confidence, and whose official and fraternal relations with me made the revelation appropriate and natural—I am authorized by him to say, that in all Brother Girard's liberality to the craft, he was moved by a strong sense of the benefits of Free Masonry; and that by the magnificent legacy which he bequeathed to this Grand Lodge, he made a public recognition of favors derived from Free Masonry, in times when his circumstances rendered such favors important, and of the vast advantages he had seen it produce to others.

This is not the time and especially this is not the place, to attempt further to connect the beauties of Brother Girard's character with the principles and practices of our Order. He has declared the relations by making us his almoners. Nor is the immense pecuniary gift the largest of his bequests to Free Masonry. Every good quality which a man possesses, and every excellence which he manifests in his life reflects lustre upon any institution with which he takes pains to proclaim his connection, and we are justified, therefore, in demanding for Free Masonry a part of the fame of Stephen Girard. We have a right to demand that the craft shall have the consideration resulting from such a member. It is not pride alone that induces the claim. It is affection for the Order, it is love for the virtues of the man. May we not glory in the extent and beauty of his fame? Wisdom was his, benevolence was his, patriotism was his, charity was his, and he was ours.

Future ages, as they gather to these lofty halls, shall do justice to the spirit in which they were reared; and when the pyramids shall have crumbled into dust, and the vanity and tyranny of their founders been made the scorn and detestation of those who see no greatness that has not its foundation or exponent in diffusive goodness, the Girard College for Orphans, improved by the experience of ages, to the fulfilment of the great object of its founder, shall stand the monument of fame that rested on benevolence, and the craftsmen will feel that the philanthropy which contemplated and procured so much permanent good, has its development in the institution of Free Masonry.

And we, Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, we have come up hither in the plentitude of Masonic dignity, and the properties of Masonic insignia,

to give final deposit with Masonic honors to the "slumbering ashes of such a Brother. No stolen grave shall receive the remains of our dead. No moon of night sheds down its dews upon an unhallowed sepulture, nor in all time shall a sinking earth tell where the brother reposes.

High twelve pours down the glory and beauty of the day upon our solemnities. The pride of art, in incorruptible marble, is substituted for the decaying cassia, and the sealed treasure will rest beneath an imperishable stone, which only the Archangelic trump shall roll away.

After the orator had closed his remarks, William Whitney, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, made a short address, in which he introduced the usual remarks, and referred to the ceremonies peculiar to the funeral of a Mason. The Dirge was then repeated by the Band and the line was reformed and the coffin carried to the vestibule of the College, where it was deposited in the beautiful marble sarcophagus constructed in the rear of the statue of Girard, The procession passed through the College, each member placing the sprig of evergreen carried by him, in the coffin as they walked by it; and the whole body then returned from the solemn ceremonies at the College to the Masonic Hall, where the parade was dismissed.

APPENDIX B.

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Laying of the Corner Stone of the New Temple.

Monday, November 21, 1853.

The corner stone of the New Masonic Hall, in Chestnut street, below Eighth, was laid to-day with imposing ceremonies. The weather had been wet and disagreeable during the morning, and as noon approached the rain fell in torrents.

Notwithstanding this untoward event an immense crowd gathered to witness the imposing ceremonies, and Chestnut Street and Lodge Alley were both thronged by curious spectators. The windows of the stores opposite, on Chestnut Street, were filled with ladies. A large body of police was in attendance, and prevented disorder.

The joist had been laid for the basement floor of the new hall, and they were securely boarded over for the accommodation of the Craft and other spectators of the exercises. A spacious and comfortable area was thus formed; it was crowded by persons anxious to witness the scene.

On the east side a platform was erected for the accommodation of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master having an elevated spot in the middle, upon which was placed the ancient Oriental Chair once filled by Washington and Lafayette.

On either side of the Grand Master's seat, arm chairs were placed for the use of the Grand Officers.

There were also ample accommodations for the invited guests, among whom we noticed the Mayor, Recorder, City Councils, the Marshal of Police, &c. The press was also well provided for.

On the west side of the area a large platform was erected for a most excellent and extensive choir and capital orchestra, which were under the efficient direction of Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington. The arrangements throughout were most complete.

Arrival of the Grand Officers.

The Grand and Past Grand Officers, Building Committee, Architect, &c., were at a convenient place in the neighborhood. At half past eleven o'clock they repaired to the spot in procession, clothed in full regalia; the orchestra playing a grand march. The following was the order of procession:

Grand Tyler.

Building Committee, composed of the following named Brethren—

James Page,	James Hutchinson,
Francis Blackburne,	Wm. M. Swain,
Philip R. Engard,	William Carr,

George Smith.

Superintendents. Architect.

Grand Pursuivant and Deputy Grand Secretary.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
Grand Chaplains.
Grand Wardens.
Past Grand Masters.
Deputy Grand Master.
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
Supported on either side by the Senior Grand Deacon and Junior Grand Deacon, each bearing a blue wand tipped with gold.
Grand Sword Bearer.
The Stewards, with wands.

On arriving at the ground the escort halted, and opening right and left, faced inwards, and proceeded with reversed front to the platform, the Grand Master at the head. After they were seated in their appropriate places, the Grand Master proclaimed silence, and an eloquent prayer was offered by Rev. John Chambers, one of the Grand Chaplains.

The following Ode, composed for the occasion by Bro. J. K. Mitchell, and the music arranged by Bro. Cunnington, was then sung by the choir and Brethren present, accompanied by the entire orchestra:

MASONIC ODE.

O! glorious Builder of the vaulted skies!
  Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise,
  To thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to *Friendship, Truth* and *Love* we raise,
Where, ages yet to come, shall sound our Master's praise.

O make its deep foundations firm and fast!
  O bless the rearing of the mighty pile!
And when to Thee its spires look up at last,
  Upon the finished work and workmen smile!
Nor less the inner works of kindness bless!
And make the Mason's labor—peace and happiness.

Enlarge our spirit!—let our means improve!
  Enforce our faith!—make strong our mystic ties!
Exalt our friendship, and refine our love!
  And let our hearts be pure before thine eyes!
So that, while God approves, the world may see
How great and good a thing is Ancient Masonry!

Aid us to wipe the widow's bitter tears!
  Help us to hear the orphan's lonely cries!
Be present when we soothe a Brother's cares!
  And be our strength in all calamities!
For what can we, as one or many, do,
Unless, O Lord! with Thee, our labors we pursue!

O! therefore, Builder of the vaulted skies!
  Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless our holy enterprise,
  To thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to *Friendship*, *Truth* and *Love* we raise,
Where, ages yet to come, shall sound our Master's praise.

Silence having been again obtained, the R. W. Grand Master, Anthony Bournonville, Esq., M. D., directed the R. W. G. Treasurer to proclaim to the Craft from the platform the contents about to be placed in the corner stone, viz:

LIST OF ARTICLES IN CORNER STONE.

List of the names of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, with a list of the present Past Grand Masters and Past Grand High Priests, elegantly written on Parchment.

Copy of the Holy Bible and the Ahiman Rezon, both very handsomely bound.

List of the Officers and Members of the different Subordinate Lodges and Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, inscribed on parchment.

Names of the Executive Officers of the General, State and City Government.

All the gold, silver and copper coins of the United States for the present year.

Also silver dollars 1795, 1797, 1798 and 1800.

Bronze Medals of Washington and Lafayette,

Names of the Building Committee, Architect, Superintendent and Contractors for the several branches of the work.

A picture of the old Hall, a design of the new Hall, a copy of the specifications, a Masonic Register, and the newspapers of the day.

THE CORNER STONE.

The corner stone is formed of a block of brown stone, five feet long, by three in width, and two in depth.—The cavity is three feet long, by one foot wide and one deep. On the upper face of the stone is the following

INSCRIPTION.

"This Corner Stone of the new Masonic Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was laid on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853, with appropriate ceremonies, by Anthony Bournonville, Esq., R. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by the following named Grand Officers, and amidst the acclamations of the Brethren:

James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.

Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
John K. Mitchell, M. D., R. W. J. Grand Warden.
John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

And God said "Let there be light."

After having proclaimed the contents as above, the Grand Treasurer, followed by two Grand Deacons, proceeded to the place where the corner stone

lay, in the north east corner of the lot, and deposited the different articles in a metallic box, which was hermetically closed and soldered, and fitted in the hollow designed for the purpose.

While this ceremony was being performed, solemn music was played by the full orchestra.

Laying the Stone.

The R. W. Grand Master then left his seat, and, accompanied by the R. W. Past Grand Master, who carried the Gilt Gavel; the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the Square; the R. W. Sen. G. Warden, the Level; the R. W. J. G. Warden, the Plumb, descended from the platform, and proceeded to the Corner Stone.

The R. W. G. Master, assisted by two operative masons, laid the corner stone in its bed.

The architect presented a trowel to the Grand Master, who spread cement upon the stone, applied successively the Square, Level, and Plumb, and delivered the following impressive

Prayer.

"May the Almighty God bless this corner stone, which we have now laid, and which I, as the Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, hereby declare to be duly laid Square, Level and Plumb, and may He by His providence enable us to finish this, and every other work which may be undertaken for the Glory of Masonry, for the Honor of the Brethren, and for the benefit of mankind."

He then struck the stone three times with the Golden Gavel a little after twelve M., amidst the acclamations of the Brethren. The orchestra and choir meanwhile performing the

Hallelujah Chorus.

The Grand Master and Grand Officers then re-ascended the platform and took their seats.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the Grand Master, read from the platform the inscription which had been cut upon the stone.

The architect was then introduced to the Grand Master, who delivered him the Plumb, Level and Square, intrusting him with the superintendence and direction of the work in the following words:

"Brother Samuel Sloan—I now deliver to you, the Architect of this Masonic Temple, the implements of architecture and symbols of our craft. May the Great Architect on High speed you and the craftsmen under you; and may He prosper the work, that it may prove the *beauty*, *strength* and *wisdom* of our art, and tend to His everlasting Glory."

The following Oration was then delivered by Bro. John K. Mitchell, M. D., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Oration.

Right Worshipful Sir—Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Brethren:

We are now assembled, in obedience to the usages of Masonry, upon a most solemn occasion. The corner stone of the vast edifice, whose deep,

strong, and grand foundations lie before us, is laid to-day by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, according to the usages of our order, and in obedience to the commands of the Grand Lodge of the Keystone State. All Pennsylvania, therefore, has an interest in the success of the great enterprise, which to-day we have masonically sanctioned. There is not one Mason in the whole State, from the Delaware to the Ohio, and from Maryland to New York, who has not both a pecuniary and a fraternal interest in the structure here to be erected, on the site of a more ancient Masonic temple.

The spot is hallowed by its association with much of the history of our order. The Hall which has been demolished, has seen Masonry in its prosperity, and in its deep adversity. It long sheltered a harmonious and useful society, in the uninterrupted performance of its works of love and charity. It witnessed also its temporary decline, under the pressure of an undeserved and unscrupulous persecution. It again saw it arise, with characteristic reaction, to a high state of affluence and power. It now disappears, only to make way for a grander and a nobler edifice, destined, I hope, to stand for ages, a monument of our taste, a proof of our *vitality*, and a refuge for the poor, the persecuted and the afflicted, of all nations, and tongues, and kindred. To it will resort pilgrims of our order, not only from the vast boundaries of our own country, but from climes beyond the two great seas which mark our eastern and our western confines; for Masonry is a *shoreless communion*, and embraces in its social grasp, "Ormus and the Inde"—"The calm Pacific's isles, and sunny homes of Asia's swarthy sons."

Seeing the magnitude of the society in Pennsylvania, knowing its universal diffusion in our whole country, recognizing the right of every Mason, wherever born and wherever made, to the protecting shadow of this rising structure, you, Right Worshipful Sir, cannot fail to feel a special pride in leading the ceremonies, which to-day give Masonic privileges to Pennsylvania's greatest charitable temple.

The edifice here to be elevated, will be, when completed, the largest and the finest building, ever erected by Masonry, in any country, for exclusive Masonic uses. Uninitiated observers may therefore naturally inquire why a charitable association should feel entitled to place on so expensive a site, so costly a structure. The answer is easily given. This great temple belongs not alone to Philadelphia, where *the Masons of the whole State* have had the liberality to place it, but as much to the remotest parts of Pennsylvania, as to us, the inhabitants of this city. Our country brethren are therefore entitled to the construction of such an edifice, as will give credit to the order, and be a proper example of its taste and liberality. Many of them, Right Worshipful Sir, have told us to build a house which shall be an ornament to the commercial capital of their State, and an exemplification of the dignity of the whole order, large enough to conveniently contain the representatives from every part of the State, and beautiful enough to elevate the taste of the community.

In placing a Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, we were actuated in part, by the affection of most of us for the old site of the order, where some of us were admitted to the privileges of Masonry, and where many of us bore a share in

the trials which, in defence of truth, always endear a place to the hearts of men.

There was, if not a nobler, at least a more productive motive. You see, Right Worshipful Sir, that huge building which rears its front of finely wrought granite, on our western boundary. It is the production of the taste and sagacity of two of our most experienced and successful merchants, who bought, at a very high price, the ground, and spared no expense to make their place of business at once ornamental and useful. In the same liberal, yet economical spirit, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has resolved to erect a temple, which will be an ornament to Philadelphia, and prove profitable to its own treasury. In a few years, the rent of the stores, which occupy the ground floor of the building, will not only defray the total expense of the whole structure, but afford a perpetual fund for the use of the poorer members of the order, and for the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons.

In executing this great purpose, the Masons of Pennsylvania believe, that the security of their fund for charity will thus be placed on the most secure basis. Moveable property is liable to a thousand destructive accidents. Real estate, under their immediate eye, can be placed only in temporary deterioration. Situate in a very prosperous commercial street, and in a very central position, these stores must always afford much more than the interest on the cost of the whole building, and enable us finally to liquidate the debt we incur; and thereafter yield a revenue, the whole of which will be devoted to the undying usage of Masonry, the relief of members of the Order.

The expensive site of our hall, thus to be rendered not only inexpensive, but lucrative, has the advantage of being so placed as to be in the readiest manner, accessible to the Craft, the members of which are scattered all over our widely spread City. Almost every one has some call of business towards a great commercial centre, and therefore, the means of access to our new Hall are frequent and convenient, so that members of the various lodges which will assemble here, will be able to give easy attendance, upon their respective meetings; where they will engage without unnecessary toil, in their labors of fellowship and charity.

It is a place too, which is well known to our elder brethren from the country, and will be too conspicuous to elude the search of younger ones. We shall have, therefore, the pleasure of seeing within our halls, a greater number of our rural members, and thus delight to see more closely drawn the bonds which should ever connect Pennsylvania with her commercial metropolis. Happily the Masonic chain of attachment has hitherto affectionately united the country and the city. May this new evidence of general liberality, brighten and strengthen the golden links of its kindliness and affiliation.

Another motive, eminently American, has weighed much with some of us in our endeavors to re-establish ourselves in our ancient seat of hospitality and kindness. We were driven from it, not by unlooked for misfortune, nor any error or fault of the Masons of Pennsylvania, but by an opposition which originated in another State, founded upon circumstances unknown to us, and for which we should not have been held responsible. Thus arrested in our career of charity, thus compelled by the tempest of the times, and the rage of political party, to abandon our beautiful Masonic home, we could

scarcely rest satisfied until, as we now do, we had demonstrated by a triumphant return, that our patience has had its perfect work, and that as heretofore, an institution founded in truth and justice, and abounding in good works, has not been, and cannot be, entirely overthrown.

Experience, in all the charitable associations, has shown that property keeps together even discordant elements. Here then, may we not hope, that a common and great interest, securely founded, will make brighter the chain which has never been soiled, and rivet the city and country more closely together, in the generous purposes and noble usages of free and accepted Masons.

While discoursing on the beauty and usefulness of the rising Hall, it would scarcely be in good taste or feeling, to overlook the unpaid and tireless labors of the Building Committee, so judiciously selected by you, Right Worshipful Sir, from among the members of the various lodges both in town and country.

These Brethren, entrusted with so high and responsible a duty, deserve not only *your* approbation, but the thanks of *all good Masons*. Most of them are engaged in the arduous pursuit of successful private business—yet here, day after day, are they seen, watching with vigilant and critical eyes, the progress of a prolonged work, in which they have only the common interest of all the members of the order; and so will they watch and toil, until they shall have completed their labors, and placed in the hands of the head of the order, the keys of a finished structure. May its future be ever such as to give to you, Right Worshipful Sir, and to that committee, unmingled Masonic satisfaction.

The spectators who now crowd around us, may ask us, what are the *motives*, by which are united the labors and wealth of so large a body of Brethren, in this great common purpose? The links of the golden chain of our attachment to Masonry are many.—As Americans, we unite cordially with all the lovers of pure representative republicanism throughout all the world, in admiring, nay loving, an institution which embodies the very essence, the pure soul of liberty, resting upon the basis of delegated authority. *Ours is the oldest republic of the world.* When the nations lay bound hand and foot, soul and body, in the universal prison-house of self assumed authority, the Free-Mason, as his very name proudly implies, was always a member of a representative and responsible government. He aided in electing the chief or master of his immediate lodge, and for a limited time, so that the delegated authority, restricted in its exercise by law and usage, returned back to the hand that gave it, to be conveyed under like restrictions, to another worthy member of the little community.

These tiny republics were further restrained by a higher power, which they themselves composed, by selecting delegates to a general assembly, denominated a Grand Lodge; such as that over which you, Right Worshipful Sir, now so felicitously preside. That Grand Lodge, composed of the selected wisdom of all the lesser bodies within a country or State, made general laws for general use, framed a constitution with respectful reference to the unwritten usages and customs of the order, whilst under a like restraint, the inalienable rights of all Masons, and the constitution of their Grand Lodge, the subordinate or local lodges framed their own laws and regulations.

This double representative republic, so like to that of the great nation, and great state, within whose territory, and under the ægis of whose paternal laws

we now erect this grand republican hall, is, I repeat, *the oldest representative government in the world;* it has always enjoyed the freedom which is still its boast; it has always elected its chiefs and rulers, and it has always made its own laws, by means of representatives, democratically elected.

But much as we, who were born to freedom, may love Free Masonry, how must it have won, and been worn in the hearts of the men of that remote time, when the very name of liberty, as we now understand its signification, was yet an unknown word! Could the mighty minds of that dark era witness the workings of our vital system, feel the charm of its harmonious movement, and behold the happiness produced by an orderly and responsible government, without clinging to it as the harbinger of a brighter day for the nations, when such a representative system might issue from the mystical halls of Masonry, to enlighten, warm, and lift up, the crushed heart and the fettered soul of man, and make him such as he should be.

For a portion of the earth that time has come. With *congenial justice,* here, where the pattern of liberal rule, so long anxiously preserved by Masonry, has had an exemplification beyond the grandest dream of the oldest patriot, Masons enjoy a full share of the glorious privileges of independence, freedom and toleration. Can we who know these things, can we who are taught traditionally and historically, that in the hidden casket of Masonry, was preserved for ages, this gem, pure as the morning-star—warm as the meridian sun—can we, I say, be blamed for feeling some pride in our Order, and some love for its institutions?

But Masonry has existed not alone to foster liberty, and oppose oppression. Within the walls of his Lodge, the Mason is ever receiving the most valuable practical lessons. Among these, the virtue of secrecy occupies a prominent position. He who can keep one secret well, acquires the power of preserving any other secret, so that a trustworthiness of no mean value, becomes an habitual part of his character, and entitles him to the unlimited confidence of those who have important secrets to disclose to professional or other advisers. But why, say the uninitiated, are the secrets of Masonry so scrupulously preserved, and what motive can an honest association have, for what seems to be an unnecessary concealment? I will tell you. Masonry is not a locally restricted society. Its boundaries are the limits of the whole world. In every civilized, and in many barbarous countries—under every free and every arbitrary government—Masonic institutions exist, with the same forms and ceremonies, and having the same charitable and friendly objects. To disclose these secrets here, where they seem less necessary to the existence, and beneficial action of such societies, would frustrate their purpose, and peril their being, in other regions, where the jealousy of despotism dreads whatever it cannot discover or command. By such a revelation, Masonic institutions would at once and forever cease to exist, wherever timid power, and absolute rule could place its iron heel upon its votaries. There is therefore a kind and good motive for the concealment, which protects our distant Brethren, and enables them to keep in due brilliancy the lamp of benevolence, and the fires of liberty.

In an earlier age, when unassociated man was often forced to look for some protector more powerful than himself, the Masonic secret enabled him to find

friends and supporters, in every place at home, and in even the remotest regions of other lands. It was a passport to employment, it was a means of living, until he could find a profitable occupation. It was more. In these societies the artist and laborer found not only friends to protect, but instructors to enlighten them. They were defended from the emergencies of the present, and enlightened for the uses of the future. In this way Masonry did much, that was useful to individuals, and more, that was profitable to the public. The Masonic secret, therefore, at once a testimonial of good character, and a declaration of fitness for some art or trade, enabled its possessor to travel without the dread of being robbed of his credentials, or of being too hardly pressed by the trials of poverty. It is still AN UNIVERSAL PASSPORT, so that the poor wanderer from a foreign land, knows where to look for friends among us, and thousands of times, has the friendless American found in it, in other climes, a means of subsistence, an agent of protection, and an introduction to employment. As good character has ever been, and ever must be among Masons, esteemed essential to the initiation of a new member, the secret of the order has a prompt and special signification. It is a certificate of good standing, which cannot be *lost, stolen or forged.* No good man need complain of this secrecy, since he can always possess himself of it, by becoming a member of the order; in the catalogue of whose worthies, he will find recorded the names of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, and a host of the best men. We received this secret from *our* fathers, *they*, from *their's*. It is therefore an heir-loom in our ancient order, entrusted to our honor, confided to our keeping, for the best of motives, and the highest of practical objects. No man who respects himself, no man who fears God and loves his fellow man, can make any one a sharer in this useful knowledge, but by the means and under the conditions prescribed by our Masonic forefathers, who must have had wondrous forethought when they invented the grandest of passports, one which has defied time, and conquered power, one which has led to an amount of practical good, inconceivably great and indefinitely prolonged. In fine, they from whom we received our credentials are dead. Centuries of successive confidences have passed away, and the very bones of our Masonic predecessors would rise in reproach at the folly and cowardice of a surrender of the precious trust.

Another motive for our devotion to Masonry is, its order and discipline. The meetings of Masons are conducted with strict attention to the rules by which all orderly societies are governed. In his lodge the young Mason is taught to debate with good feeling and correct manners. There, every thing is conducted with so much harmony and strict method, that he becomes, almost insensibly, acquainted with the rules of debate, and the limits of a speaker's privilege, so that, when he comes forth into the arena of public life, he will almost always be found prepared to perform his part creditably and civilly. He has been taught obedience, he has learned to command, and is therefore well prepared for any part which society or his country may call upon him to perform.

But above all, is Masonry endeared to us by that greatest of virtues, *charity*. That excellence, so approved by man and so grateful to Heaven, is in constant exercise in every lodge, where scarcely a meeting passes without

one, often many donations to the poor, the sick and the friendless. New applications are constantly referred to committees, whose unavoidable duty it is to inquire into the wants and the character of the petitioners. In this heaven-blessed duty the young Mason learns to look kindly and beneficially upon human suffering, and acquires, not only the disposition, but the skill to relieve. Hence, it will be found, that he not only directs the bounty of his lodge, but often gives from his private purse the supplementary means, which the treasury of the lodge cannot always afford.

In this way, the voice of the lodges, so grateful to the poor man's ears, sounding from the remotest antiquity, has been re-echoed continuously from age to age, until the very present generation of Masons, takes up the heaven-born note, and proclaims to the world the value of the undying charity.

These and many other motives, all of them honorable and benevolent, unite us in the prosecution of our present labour, and make us proud of the beautiful temple which is about to rise towards that Heaven, from which descends the will to do works of charity and love, and the power to execute the commands of that will, by which Masonry in all ages, has been distinguished.

Earliest guardian of the shrine of Liberty,
Spirit of the most extended of Benevolent Societies,
Cheerer of the poor man's heart,
Reliever of the poor man's wants,
Comforter of the helpless and desolate widow,
Soother of the Orphan's undeserved sorrows,
Teacher of constitutional obedience,
Instructor in the art of lawful command,
Great Nurse of Universal Philanthropy,

O, Ancient Masonry, we call thy benign spirit from the lap of unrecorded Time, from beyond the ages of historic memories, to look approvingly upon us now, as we endeavor to emulate the deeds and virtues of our Masonic ancestors! Brighten *this link* of that endless chain which encircles the world, whose beginning shines dimly from out the shadows of old tradition, and whose last rivet shall be forged, when Time and Masonry shall perish together. So long as want and sorrow find a place upon earth, so long will the Grand Almoner of Charity, stand ready to relieve the one, and soften the other.

The Assyrian Cohorts no longer glitter in purple and gold; the bones of the Mede and the Persian lie stained by the rust of perishing armor; Egypt, the ancient mother of civilization, has forgotten the achievements of her mightiest monarchs; Greece and Rome, masters of the world in arts and arms, lie buried in the sepulchre of the past. As nations they have had their day, and now, darkness is their dwelling-place; but the virtues and powers of Masonry enjoy an unfading youth, and shine in all their ancient purity. O Almighty Giver of every good and perfect gift, make *us* pure and strong, so that *our* link of the chain of Masonic virtue may not be sullied or broken! Let it continue to be pure and lustrous forever, lest the master-spirits of future Masonry, may have cause to shed a tear upon its tarnished surface, or heave a sigh over its ruined fragments!

After the Oration was concluded, the following Anthem was sung by the choir.

ANTHEM.

Now elevate the sign of Judah! Now elevate the Banner! call it forth in Zion.

O put your trust in God! He will save us. He is always gracious to his servants.

O praise the Lord of Hosts! Exalt his name, and glorify him evermore! Forever more! Amen!

After a benediction by Rev. Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Officers retired in regular order, the orchestra performing a Grand March. The Brethren present, and the spectators, soon after dispersed.

APPENDIX C.

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ADDRESSES DELIVERED TO THE SEVERAL SUBORDINATE LODGES AT GRAND VISITATIONS, MADE DURING THE YEAR 1853. BY ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, M. D., RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of this Lodge:

BRETHREN:—Without intending to expatiate upon the numerous interesting topics, which upon an occasion of this character might properly be made the subject of consideration, without endeavoring to speak at large of matters of high Masonic import, which have often been eloquently discussed by my predecessors or have received the fullest attention by the ablest Masonic authors, whose works are readily accessible to every member of our Craft: it shall be my effort to impress upon you, my Brethren, a few plain, but truthful and practical words of advice, for which I ask your kind attention as I confidently hope that they may meet the approval of your judgment and a sympathetic response in your hearts!

It must be conceded that the opposition to Masonry which in former years manifested itself in many parts of our country has almost entirely died away; its detractors have been silenced, its calumniators have become objects of contempt, and every honorable man, not within the pale of our Brotherhood, aye, every philanthropist, looks upon our beloved Institution as a source of much good, a living spring of infinite benefit to mankind. It was but natural that our ancient and honorable fraternity could not long remain the object of vile persecution, when the second sober thought of the people led to the firm conviction that a brotherhood, which counted among its ardent and zealous members the Great and Good Washington, the Philosopher Franklin and a host of revolutionary sires—not to mention legions of good men and true, that for ages adorned our Institution in the old world,—could not but deserve the highest regard of every honest man. But my Brethren this favorable change in the opinion of the people, whilst on the one hand it enables us to rejoice at the unprecedented prosperty of the Craft and congratulate each other at the acquisition of a great number of valuable co-laborers in our glorious work, particularly under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is fraught on the other hand with danger of a too rapid and promiscuous accession of members. It must be the constant and earnest concern of every Mason that none should participate in the great and holy work we are engaged in save those "whose clean hands and pure hearts" entitle them to the high and honorable title of "Brother." Masonry does not gain by the accession of numbers, unless they bring with them high moral and religious character, intelligence, and disposition to sacrifice upon its shrine every motive of selfishness and every object of self-interest. As every rude and unfinished block detracts from the symmetry, beauty and strength of the most costly structure, even so does every false or unfaithful worshipper on the altars of Masonry detract

from its perfect lineaments, and endanger the harmony, stability and perpetuity of the whole. Let me therefore, my Brethren, entreat of you, to be cautious, judicious, circumspective and firm in permitting those from without to enter this inner temple.—Beware whom you allow to share the rights and privileges of our ancient Craft. Pause, before you decide who shall pass from darkness to light!—Search well and deep into the innermost of his heart, whether Charity—heaven-born Charity—and pure Brotherly-Love dwell within it!

Better, far better for yourselves and for the entire Craft that but few be united heart and soul, in harmony and love, quietly and devoutly working in the Vineyard of the Lord, than that your number should be great, but its peace and harmony destroyed, and that the great principles of our Institution become strangers to your work.—But far be it from me, my Brethren, to instil the least prejudice in your minds when I thus desire to guard you against the intrusion of unwelcome members. *Prejudice* must be a stranger to a Mason. Impossible as it is that we should all agree upon all subjects, it is sufficient for Masonic purposes that we know in our brother the good man and true, firm in moral principles, and ardently devoted to our beloved Institution.

Another subject is well deserving the serious consideration of Masons: the necessity that every member of a Lodge be active and familiar with the work of our Craft. The Mason who neglects to make himself master of the work, remains a drone among his Brethren and is never enabled fully to appreciate the beauties of Masonic science; nor to understand its symbolic language. Believe me, my Brethren, that to the intelligent man, it is but necessary to understand the work in order to delight in it, for its beauties, full of deep meaning, cannot but be attractive. Let me, therefore enjoin on all and every one of you an industrious study of our work; let every one among you endeavor to be most perfect in its execution. Nor is it to be forgotten that *strict accuracy* is an important feature in our work and language and that without it its uniformity every where, which enables us at all times to understand the Masonic language, would be destroyed; for to use the eloquent words of one of my predecessors:

"The habits of order in this Institution are as distinguishable in words as in things: indeed, my Brethren, with us, in many particulars, words *are* things, and in all our proceedings it is of great importance that the words used should be exact; synonyms are inadmissible, and though the sense may be inferred from the order of words or the selection of phrases, yet if these are not conformable to the standard of the Institution, they are inadmissible. In all our records of proceedings, and all that concerns ourselves alone, the prescribed language of the Craft must be used and no variation tolerated. Every term peculiar to our order, or every collocation of words that is distinctly Masonic, has with us a use: is peculiarly expressive: it marks some meaning in our proceedings or in our symbols; and should be precious to us for its distinctive quality.

Masonry selected her terms and formed her vocabulary with a distinct reference to the exact value of words; and, as none "of her internal relations are altered, none of her ritual changed, none of her essentials new-modelled, she retains her language in its primitive simplicity and appropriateness of ex-

pression, and asks of her children, that, in their *home* intercourse they shall speak their mother tongue—that at the family altar the family language shall be employed."

But not only Masonic language, with all its significant and comprehensive words and phrases, should be carefully guarded against innovations of any kind, but *nought* should be changed in the ancient and revered work of the Craft—in its usages, customs, or landmarks.

The importance of this proposition cannot too often, nor too earnestly, be pressed upon the attention of the Brethren. Living as we do, in an age of reform and utilitarianism, nothing—no matter how sacred, honored, or endeared—is secure against the meddling hand and spoiling arm of change; for it cannot be denied that *change* is often mistaken for *reform*, and anything that is *new* or novel considered an improvement. No good Mason will contend that Masonry, as to its intrinsic merits, ever did require, or does now require any reform. Based, as it is, on the immutable laws of morality and virtue, it ever was, as it ever will be, the promoter of good and the destroyer of evil. Its work has stood the test of centuries, and has challenged the admiration of the wisest heads as it has won the affections of the best hearts. Not a tittle of its great structure can be touched, changed, or altered, without marring its beauty and harmony; and who dares to touch the first stones! Its landmarks have become sacred, as they are the guides of the Fraternity throughout the world. Its usages and customs are revered, for their antiquity has given them additional interest, and they are the means of identifying us more fully with all the great and good "that have travelled the same path before us." Believe me, therefore, my Brethren, that no matter what changes or alterations may from time to time be made in other institutions, bodies, or associations, Masonry needs no reforms, acknowledges and admits of no changes. It is a *unit*. As such we have "received it"—and so must we part with it to those that are to come after us; and so must and will it remain till time shall be no more, and all shall be gathered home in the great temple on high.

Nothing, my Brethren, could be more strongly recommended to any body of Masons than a regular and punctual attendance at all the meetings of their respective Lodges. Apart from its being a sacred Masonic duty, (the non-fulfilment of which can only be pardoned for certain weighty reasons, well known to every brother,) its beneficial influence on the welfare and prosperity of a Lodge is incalculable. In a Lodge where all the Brethren are anxious to share in the work, and counsel by their experience and knowledge, it is almost impossible that an unworthy person should ever be admitted as a member; where *all* are attentive and active, *all* are proficient and competent to fill every station. Moreover, it is desirable that Brethren of the same Lodge should know each other *well*, and not be strangers to one another: it is desirable that kindliness and brotherly love should constantly be cherished and fostered amongst them, and no place is more calculated to attain this end than the Lodge-room. No good Mason, my Brethren, will neglect to attend the meetings of his Lodge, after he has filled its stations of honor: for *then* his presence may be of much benefit to his Brethren. It is the highest pride of some old Masons, when they assert that for twenty, twenty-five, aye, thirty

years they have never missed a meeting of their Lodges; and you will always find that these Brethren ever have been, and still are, "under the tongue of good Masonic report." May such Brethren be examples for you in all your future Masonic career! It should be the fondest wish of every Mason's heart to deserve and to enjoy the love and esteem of the Craft; for I assure you, my Brethren, that *then* the good will of all honorable and honest men will ever be his share, as certain as his works will be acceptable and pleasing to the Great Architect on High. And *then!* when his work shall cease here below —when he shall be called from worldly labor to eternal repose by the Grand Master above—when the tongue of the Lodge shall no more be audible to his mortal ears—when he shall have reached the high meridian of everlasting Life—then he shall be received, "under the tongue of good Masonic report," into that Lodge built by the Great Artificer Himself, where all is joy and eternal bliss.

ADDRESS.

Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge No. :

BRETHREN—To one who has steadily directed his attention to the great and sublime structure of Masonry—who has examined its landmarks—who has studied its usages, and calmly considered its laws and regulations: nothing that he finds in this noble art and science, nor in the means of obtaining a thorough and correct knowledge of its work and principles, seems superfluous, but he rather becomes convinced that laws and rules, which upon the first blush would seem to the inexperienced craftsman the creations of arbitrary power, were conceived in wisdom, and are stringently adhered to, because their existence and observance have proved to be for the good and benefit of the Craft. Among rules of this character is that, which makes the Grand Master a member of each subordinate lodge under his jurisdiction. Charged with the supervision and guardianship of the entire Craft, his paternal care is to extend with equal concern and affection over the whole Masonic family under his jurisdiction. Knowing no distinction between any of the narrower circles of the Fraternity, nor feeling any prejudice, either for or against any of the sub-divisions of the brotherhood, which owe all alike, their Masonic existence to the fountain power, of which he is the head, he greets all, who like himself, worship on the shrine of everlasting truth, with the same tokens of Brotherly Love, and derives the same gratification from a communion with any number of those, who are zealous laborers in the inner temple. Such are the feelings naturally produced in the hearts of those who, being by your own choice, your Masonic authority, come among you on a friendly visit, and are received with all the homage usually extended to those in their station; such are the sentiments of those whose appearance among you is dictated by a sense of duty, and a desire to promote your welfare and prosperity.

Upon occasions of this kind it is however expected that some words of advice and instruction should be offered; that expressions of encouragement, of kindliness, and fraternal regard should mark the event which brings the Grand Master and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge into the body of her beloved daughter Lodges, and that all that may be done or said, should tend to draw more closely the bond of Union and Harmony between her members. Although this is a subject which offers at once an extensive field of interesting

discussion, and is worthy of both the highest intellectual efforts of the scholar, and the warmest heart-offerings of the philanthropist: none of its details have remained unconsidered, and nothing new and interesting can hardly be added to the great store of wisdom and knowledge imparted by, and treasured up in the multitudinous addresses from time to time presented to the Masonic Fraternity. But, my Brethren, there are feelings which emphatically spring from the Masonic heart—there are sentiments which ever and again rise within the innermost recesses of this mystic fountain of everlasting truth, to which we may, even in humble and homely phrases, give utterance, without incurring the charge of hackneyed discussion, or the imputation of stale and unprofitable repetition. To indulge with you, my Brethren, for a few moments in these feelings and sentiments, it shall be my humble task to-night. They may, indeed, be comprised in a few plain propositions, requiring no able disquisition, nor lengthy demonstration, but finding their ample and powerful proofs in the life and acts of every good Mason. The proud and comprehensive title of "good Mason," may justly be termed the sum total of an affectionate husband, a good parent, a sincere friend, an exemplary citizen, a true lover of mankind—"*an honest man, the noblest work of God.*"

He who, when in communion with his Brethren in the Lodge-room, habitually alleviates the wants and sufferings of a Brother's widow—of her who once has been the comforter of a Brother's life, the patient sharer in a Brother's vicissitudes, the cheerful and constant partner of a Brother's joys and sorrows—must indeed forget "to practice without those everlasting principles of morality and virtue he is taught within"—if he could ever desecrate his own fireside or stain the domestic altar with harshness or uncharitablness towards the partner of his bosom, if he could ever cease to be a forgiving and forbearing friend to her who one day may justly claim and receive her privilege from the Craft.—Who can fail to know the true Mason in his cheerful home? He imparts kindliness and love to every being and object that surrounds him. Like a ministering angel, he sows good wherever he treads.—Cheerful countenances and pure hearts beating with affection for him, are the companions of his domestic hearth. The very menial he employs partakes of the good cheer that sits on his brow, and imitates the frank speech and upright conduct that gain upon the affections of all.

Behold your Brother as the instructor of his children! How he softens their young and guileless hearts—how, from the bottom of his heart of hearts, (that inexhaustible fountain of never-ceasing love,) he fills their susceptible souls with ceaseless reverence for Him who is the Father of All. He leads them out into the great Temple of Nature, and there teaches them the wisdom, goodness, and strength of the great Architect—urges them to become builders of good and destroyers of evil, and shows them how to lay a foundation for the rearing of a structure beneficial to their fellow-men, and productive of eternal life.

If there is one great social virtue in the domestic life of a Mason more distinguishable from another, it is that of *Hospitality*. And how could it be otherwise with him who so frequently shares his labors in the inner temple with a brother, perchance, from the remotest corner of the inhabited globe, whom his eyes never beheld before, and whom he nevertheless cordially and joyfully

at once receives at the festive board. Who, that daily extends the hand of good fellowship, friendship and brotherly love to those whom he recognizes as enjoying rights and privileges endeared to our Brotherhood, can help to manifest—though to a more limited extent—kindness to others? For, as *all* Masonic virtues are boundless in their operations, as they know no limits of space, difference of creed, clime or country: so does every individual Masonic virtue grow stronger and more beautiful by extending its beneficial effects upon all, whose good fortune it is to come within its reach. No social virtue, my Brethren, is excelled by that of hospitality. It is alike a source of infinite pleasure to others, and of much satisfaction to ourselves.

A Mason's *friendship* can only be compared to that never-diminishing affection, which we ever, and under all circumstances, cherish and retain for those who are kindred with us in blood. No change of fortune can or ought to diminish its strength—no vicissitudes of life weaken its ardor. A Mason's friendship should be the blazing star in the beautiful constellation of Masonic virtues. Through it he may be taught and may teach the way of life—through it Masonry may become a guide to his feet, and lamp to his path, a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

Closely allied to this everlasting attachment of brother to brother, incomprehensible and unknown to those in the outer world, is that acme of Masonic excellence, *Charity*. Where shall I begin and where shall I end to speak thy praise? Who can circumscribe thy bounds?—fix thy limits, or define thy extent? Let the heartbroken and disconsolate widow speak thy praise, when lifted from beneath the dark cloud of despair, in which misfortune or the icy hand of death has placed her, as she raises her tearful eyes with gratitude to Him on high, and blesses the Dispenser of all in the words of the Psalmist:—"He has dispersed: He hath given to the poor; His righteousness endureth forever; His horn shall be exalted with honor!"—Let poor innocent orphan babes articulate thy workings, when they are educated, clothed, cherished and protected by the Craft—or let the thousands of our own mystic Brotherhood testify to the Great Artificer above, how in all lands their bruised and broken spirits were pillowed on the unfailing charity of their brethren—or call to mind the last lingering looks of those whom the angel of death was beckoning away to that "bourne whose sands are marked by no returning foot-prints," and who were solaced with the reflection, as they died in the full assurance, that their desolate households, their orphan children, shall be educated and protected, while the eternal charity of Masonry endures.—But, my Brethren, it is not the daily bestowal of charitable gifts, a few instances of which I have endeavored faintly to describe, that true *Masonic charity*, in its fullest sense, manifests itself alone; it is not by the mere attention to the physical wants of man alone that we become impressed with the belief in its heavenly character, but it is equally as much a kind affectionate consideration for the feelings, foibles, passions and sentiments of others which marks its peculiarities. To be *Masonically charitable* is "*to do unto others as you wish others to do unto you,*"—to be of a forbearing and forgiving spirit—to bear no malice, to flee from vengeance, to forsake envy and hatred, and embrace brotherly love. Such *Charity*, together with *Faith* and *Hope*, form the ground-work of the great Masonic superstructure.

Thus Masonry speeds her way onward among the nations of the earth, of every "kindred, tribe and tongue," humanizing, harmonizing, socializing, and civilizing all. With such a basis Masonry is enabled to paralyze the tongue of personal slander; to extract the scorpion sting of envy, hatred and malice; to hush the fierce collisions of unhallowed ambition and avarice. By the purity of her precepts, and by the virtues of her practice Masonry must bind in one common brotherhood the whole family of man—*then*, and not till *then*, will her mission be ended and her triumph complete.

After what I have said of these various excellencies, the pre-eminence of which alone entitle a member of our Craft to the enviable and proud title of a "*good Mason*," it would hardly be necessary to demonstrate the fact that the possessor of those qualifications does, as a natural consequence, also answer that requirement which I laid down among others at the commencement of these remarks, namely, that he must be a *good citizen*. How he, who is a good husband and parent, a sincere friend, the dispenser of charity, the promoter of good, and destroyer of evil, can be any thing but a good citizen, would be difficult to imagine; but a little reflection would teach us that every sacred Masonic obligation is calculated to strengthen our obedience to the laws of the land, our anxiety to preserve good order and peace in the community, and a desire to maintain and observe the proper regard for all those who duly and with proper authority exercise the powers of the people delegated to them in any and every capacity. As the rules and regulations of our own Craft are perfect, and have been found to promote its systematic arrangements, and insure the stability of our Institution from time immemorial: so it has, at all times, contributed much to the permanency and perpetuity of all civil government which proved to be in accordance with the genius of the people, and calculated to promote its happiness. In our own beloved country, the great sires of the revolutionary battles, from the memorable days of Lexington, down to the surrender of Cornwallis, were distinguished Masons; and also among all those hallowed names who wielded their pens for the great cause of Liberty, before 1776, as well as among those who sat in council and moulded the fate of the struggling nation, before and since the achievement of her independence, we find names that are not only written in letters of fire on the history and fame of the country, but are engraven for ever on the hearts of our craftsmen, as bright examples ever to be followed by Masons.

They, my Brethren, who have fought, struggled and bled for the good of their country, and more for the good of future generations and mankind, were the benefactors of their race, the true practical philanthropists, in the most enlarged sense of the word. They were laying a foundation upon which was to be erected, and is now being erected, that glorious temple of liberty, in which all mankind may safely and happily dwell—that temple which seems to have been designed by the Great Artificer himself.

May *that* temple, as that of Masonry, ever command our warmest affections —may its beauty, strength, symmetry and proportions never be impaired. May its perfection and perpetuation be the great and unwearying task of our lives, and we shall all claim of right *among the good of our race*, the names of *Patriots*, and *among our Brethren*, the proud title of *good Masons*.

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